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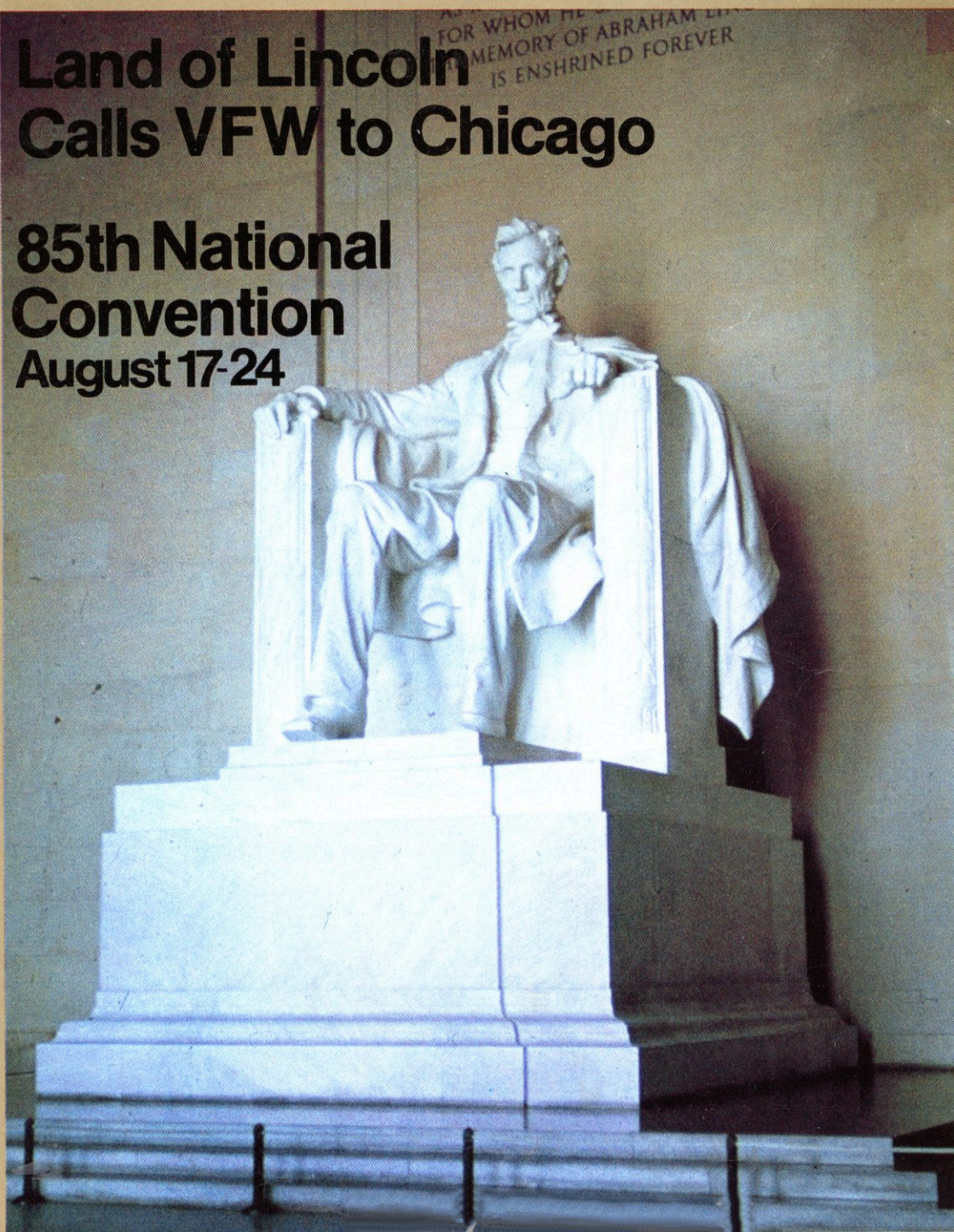
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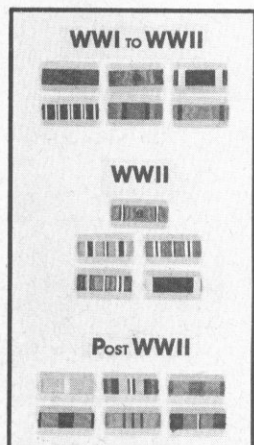


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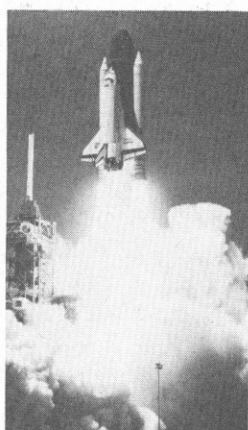
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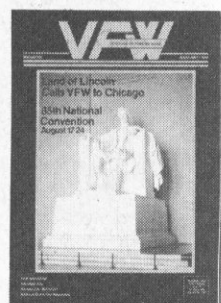
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The statue of Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., is rightly one of the nation's most famous. A story about Illinois localities made famous by Lincoln, which delegates to the 85th National VFW Convention in Chicago might want to visit, appears on page 50. An article about George Washington, whose birthday also occurs in February, is on page 48. (National Park Service Photo)

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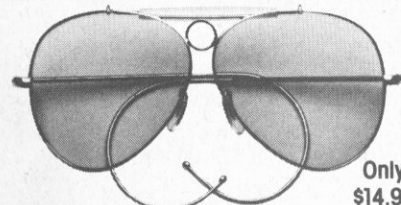
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A Ranger's Memory

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Remembers "Uncommon Soldier"

I am writing in regard to the article, "The Uncommon Soldier," Louis Albanese (December). He received the Medal of Honor. I myself was there that day 17 years ago. In my mind, it seems like yesterday. It makes me feel very sad for the men we lost that day, but also very very proud to have been a member of the 2nd Platoon, 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry. On that day, in my eyes, we were the best fighting unit in all of Vietnam! The article by Bernard Brady, was five times better than any welcome home the people of the U.S. could have given us.—*Richard Niemitalo, Bear Creek Post 6333, Kaleva, Mich.*

Likes VFW Goals

As a combat wounded veteran, I want to congratulate and thank the Veterans of Foreign Wars for your legislative goals for 1983-1984, as outlined in the VFW Magazine (November), and as a member of the Northern Judicial District Appeal Board for the State of Illinois, Selective Service System, I want to thank you especially for your stand supporting action in requiring all male federal service applicants to be registered with the Selective Service System. In these times when employment is still in a critical stage, utmost consideration should be given to those who comply with all the laws of our great country.—*Sidney Bick, (Life Member, Post 2255), 8404 North Lawn-dale Ave., Skokie, Ill. 60076.*



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LEGISLATIVE

Van Zandt and Vinson Honored: Public Law 98-190 honors three-time VFW Commander-in-Chief James E. Van Zandt by naming the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Altoona, Pa., the James E. Van Zandt Veterans Administration Medical Center and Carl Vinson by naming the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Dublin, Ga., the Carl Vinson Veterans Administration Medical Center in honor of this man who served in the House of Representatives longer than any other person—50 years, one month and two days.

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VA Appropriation: The \$24.78 billion appropriation for the Veterans Administration for this fiscal year is contained in Public Law 98-45. It breaks down like this: \$13,842,000,000, compensation and pension; \$1,371,000,000, readjustment benefits; \$8,070,726,000, medical care; \$162,325,000, medical and prosthetic research; \$66,552,000, medical administration and miscellaneous operating expenses; \$712,088,000, general operating expenses; \$345,692,000, construction, major projects; \$185,378,000, construction, minor projects; \$18,000,000, grants—state extended care facilities; \$3,000,000, grants—state veterans cemeteries; and \$500,000, grants—Republic of Philippines for the Veterans Memorial Medical Center.

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Peacetime GI Bill: H.R. 1400, the Veterans' Educational Assistance Act of 1983, was jointly referred to the House Veterans' Affairs and Armed Services Committees. Subsequently, it was reported out of Veterans' Affairs May 16. It would establish a new educational benefits program that would serve as an incentive for recruiting and retaining quality military personnel in the numbers needed for a strong national defense. It would provide a basic educational benefit of \$300 per month for three years of service and an additional \$300 per month for five more years of service. According to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman, G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery, supporters claim this measure is timely and urgently needed because the manpower pool from which the Armed Forces will have to attract recruits is declining dramatically. By 1987 the 18-year-old population is expected to drop 20%—by 1.3 million—since 1982. The dip in young men eligible for recruiting will continue into the 1990s. By 1991, some 52.2% of eligible non-college males will have to be recruited in order to maintain the current force level. This legislation, which recently underwent Armed Services Committee hearings, could be used by dependents of service personnel, at the discretion of the Secretary of Defense, if the service person remained on active duty for 10 years or retired after 20 years. In testimony VFW supported the concept of a Peacetime GI Bill provided it is funded by the Department of Defense and its administration is under the control of the Veterans Administration. In addition, VFW stated it would prefer whatever legislation advanced to embody a number of other concepts. They are (1) those currently VEAP enrollees and those service members who have eligibility under the Vietnam Era GI Bill be accorded the opportunity to participate in the new program; (2) the thrust of such legislation be aimed primarily toward the use of the benefits by the veteran himself; (3) the Reserves be afforded the opportunity, to some degree, to be eligible for benefits under such program; and (4) the benefits be utilized solely for their original intent—education.

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Survivor Benefit Plan: Participants in the Armed Forces Survivor Benefit Plan should now make known their interest in S. 719 and H.R. 1376 by writing to the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, John Tower, and the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Melvin Price. S. 719 (introduced by Strom Thurmond) and H.R. 1376 (introduced by Beverly B. Byron) would both eliminate the Social Security offset in the SBP if the beneficiary received Social Security benefits in his or her own right. The mailing address for Senators is United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510 and for Representatives is United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

SERVICE

Support VA Salute: Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr., has called on VFW members and leaders at all echelons to join in helping promote the VA's National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans and to participate in it this month.

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New Law on Health Care: VA Health Care Amendments of 1983, recently signed into law, meets several VFW mandates. It extends indefinitely the time a Vietnam Era veteran may apply for readjustment counseling; requires the VA Administrator to study post-traumatic stress disorder; authorizes a five-year adult day health care program for the VA; establishes authority for the VA to set standards for placing veterans in a community residential care facility; increases per diem rates for payment to state veterans home; mandates provision of preventive health care services to certain service-connected veterans; and several other points which are detailed in the February issue of the VFW Washington Action Reporter.

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Back H.R. 3755: VFW is urging support for H.R. 3755, which is designed to offer safeguards for disabled workers whose Social Security disability payments have been terminated or may be.

NATIONAL SECURITY

Incidents Show Soviet Hand: Three recent events point up Soviet machinations in three areas vital to United States security. The first was the deaths of 240 Marines in the bombing of the Marine compound at the Beirut airport. The second was the rescue mission to Grenada. The third was the Soviet withdrawal from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Force negotiations in Geneva.

Vital U.S. interests in the Middle East-Persian Gulf region are menaced by the Soviets and their surrogates. From this intersection of Europe, Asia and Africa flows a third of the Free World's oil supply. A cut-off would mean energy and economic stagnation. The USSR would not suffer.

For two decades the Soviets have been pouring arms and money into the region in hopes of exploiting Western vulnerability. Arab countries have been the biggest buyers of Soviet military equipment. Some of it has been funneled to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and other radical groups. Once Soviet military has been established in a country, the Soviets gain access to bases and other facilities.

Libya is a case in point. Ethiopia, South Yemen and Syria are others. The Soviets can encircle the oil rich Arabian Peninsula. A Syrian-controlled Lebanon would be a Soviet-dominated Lebanon with access to the eastern Mediterranean. Further, Soviets could increase their leverage over friendly Middle Eastern states, outflank Israel, threaten Mediterranean lines of communication and NATO ally Turkey.

Since 1948, under President Truman, U.S. has recognized the dangers to the region and tried to keep it peaceful. Terrorist bombing of the Marines was designed as an outrage to force a radical change in U.S. policy. Within hours of the Beirut bombing, the coup by hardline Marxists in Grenada.

President Reagan had to act decisively to reduce the risks to unarmed U.S. medical students. Evidence found on Grenada pointed to increased involvement there by the Soviets and their Cuban surrogates. Reason is they saw it as a base to increase their subversion in the region.

Grenada demonstrated U.S. ability to act decisively, quickly and successfully. Using Operation Urgent Fury as an example, future aggressors can calculate how quickly U.S. forces can react to a crisis with overwhelming power.

Soviet withdrawal from the Geneva negotiations masked what is really at stake, Soviet superiority. Since 1977, the USSR has more than doubled nuclear striking power of its intermediate-range missiles. During these years, U.S. and Western missile forces remained unchanged. For six years, the Soviets fed the fears of Europeans that new missile deployments would accelerate Armageddon. They went to the people, over the heads of their governments, to force a change in NATO policy. They stalled negotiations waiting for psychological pressure to build. They lost the first round when U.S. Pershing and ground-launched cruise missiles began arriving in Europe.

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It wasn't easy, especially in a time of economic hardship, for so many of you loyal and dedicated members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

As of December 9, 1983, more than 60,000 of you had answered our call for contributions to this major effort to strengthen our service arm.

Thus far, you have responded with \$1,100,000. This includes the donations of \$680,127.49 you sent during the test mailings prior to the October solicitation.

But more must be done.

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Second, we will be able to hire more people to do more work for veterans. This means more help with Veterans Administration claims. This means you will get everything you are entitled to as veterans. This means, too, the VFW will have an attorney and a physician in the VFW Washington Office to assist with claims.

Third, Departments now getting money from state or local governments will be helped by the expanded staff in the VFW Washington Office.

Fourth, the additional Claims Consultants and Field Representatives hired for the expanded staff will be available to share their knowledge and experience with Department service staffs through training sessions and seminars, because you gave

to the National Veterans Service Fund.

The needs of our Comrades are increasing. But not only the veterans of the two World Wars and Korea need the help the VFW intends to improve upon. More than a half-million Vietnam veterans have joined our organization. They and the millions of the other veterans who served during that period have special needs and concerns the VFW is pledged to address.

But we cannot do it with the effectiveness you have grown to expect from your VFW without even greater help from all of you.

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Col. Phelps Jones Dies; Was VFW's Security Director

Services for Col. Phelps Jones, USA Ret., were held Dec. 20 at the Old Chapel at Fort Myer, Va., with burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

Col. Jones, VFW National Security and Foreign Affairs Director since 1972, died at his Arlington, Va., home Dec. 18 following a lingering illness. He was 61.

As National Security and Foreign Affairs Director, Col. Jones worked closely with the National Security and Foreign Affairs Committee in the preparation of resolutions for submission to National Conventions in his area of expertise.



He frequently accompanied National Officers on wide-ranging fact-finding trips to Asia, the Middle East, Europe and elsewhere for briefing sessions with experts in the area, military figures and political leaders.

In addition, he prepared extensive studies of American military strength,

Soviet armaments and the strategic balance for National Officers and contributed a monthly column for the VFW Washington Action Reporter, as well as articles to the VFW Magazine. He advanced VFW security positions in appearances before Congress and Administration leaders.

"Col. Jones was one of the very best," commented Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr. "His insights on world events and their impact on the United States were of great depth and contributed immeasurably to the understanding VFW members have of the international situation and our Armed Forces. His skillful use of the language and his command of his subject were remarkable. He will be missed and our deepest sympathy goes to his family."

A native of Stamford, Conn., he attended Phillips Exeter Academy and enlisted in the infantry in December, 1941. Commissioned in 1942, he served with the 3rd Division's 15th Infantry in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He graduated from Yale in 1948 and did graduate work at Yale in international relations.

When the Korean War broke out, he was recalled to active duty and served with the 40th Division.

During the Vietnam War he served with the 173rd Airborne Brigade.

He also was an aide-de-camp to Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, served on the Army's General Staff, was associate professor of social science at West Point, commanded a battalion and brigade in Germany, studied at Canada's National Defence College and was military assistant to Gen. Earle G. Wheeler when he chaired the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

His military decorations included the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Air Medal, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, ROK Chung Mu, French Croix de Guerre and the South Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Isabel, and one son, Carter, and a daughter, Mary Page.



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2. The National Council of Administration will meet Saturday, March 3, 1984, at the Sheraton-Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C.

3. Department Adjutants are reminded that they should notify the Adjutant General, as soon as possible, of the time and place their Department Convention will be held in 1984.

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Hammerschmidt To Receive VFW Congressional Award

Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt (Ark.), ranking minority member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee has been selected to receive the 1984 VFW Congressional Award for "outstanding service to the nation."

Presentation will be made at the March 6 annual Congressional Banquet that concludes the yearly Mid-Winter Conference of the VFW to be held in Washington, D.C., this year from March 2 to 6.

As ranking minority member, Rep. Hammerschmidt would be in line to chair the House Veterans Affairs Committee if the Republicans gained control of the House of Representatives in the November elections.

A member of the House since 1966, he was Arkansas's first Republican Congressman in 94 years and has been re-elected continuously ever since.

During World War II, he served in the China-Burma-India Theater as a pilot in the Army Air Corps. He was awarded the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross with three Oak Leaf Clusters and three battle stars.

A member of an Arkansas family well known for its interest in lumbering, Rep. Hammerschmidt has served as chairman of the lumber company bearing his name and was president of the Arkansas Lumber Dealers Association and the Southwestern Lumbermen's Association. He also has been active in Republican politics since 1949.

He is a native of Harrison, Ark., and was educated at the Citadel, Oklahoma State University and the University of Arkansas.

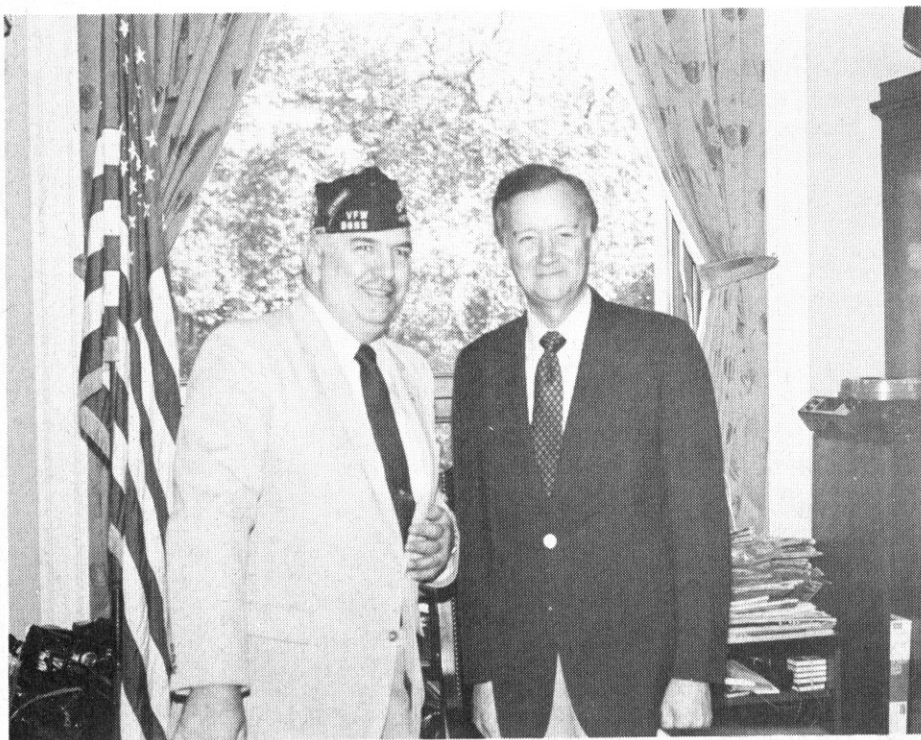
In addition to the VFW, he is a member of another veterans' organization, several Masonic bodies, the Elks and the Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, Virginia, have one son, John Arthur.

In announcing Hammerschmidt's award, Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson said:

"Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt has served his country and its veterans well over the years. It is indeed fitting that he receive the Congressional Award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. He thus will join the illustrious Senators and Representatives who have been honored in this manner for several years."

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Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr., chats with Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt (Ark.), ranking minority member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee who has been chosen to receive the annual VFW Congressional Award.



Answers to Questions About VFW Nat'l Home

Here are questions often asked about the VFW National Home at Eaton Rapids, Mich., and their answers.

Q. What is the priority eligibility situation for a child to enter the VFW National Home?

A. The eligibility requirement given top priority when applying for admission to the Home is: a child whose parent is deceased or totally disabled, providing that parent is a member in good standing of the VFW. If you know of a child in this situation, contact Jerry Cartwright, VFW National Home, Eaton Rapids, Mich. 48827. Telephone number is 517-663-1521.

Q. Can VFW and Auxiliary members visit the National Home?

A. Visitors are always welcome at the VFW National Home. With a bit of advance planning, a tour may be arranged for the individual visitor or his group. Overnight guests may make reservations for staying and dining at the Guest Lodge on campus. Electrical hook-ups also are available for recreational vehicles. To phone ahead, call 517-663-1521 and ask for Sharon Poe.

Q. Where do the children buy their clothes?

A. The children are taken shopping by their houseparents in stores located in the surrounding communities. They are allowed to help in choosing their own wardrobes.

Q. Are operations performed in the hospital?

A. The Health and Education Building, formerly an operating hospital, is no longer used as such. Some years ago simple surgical procedures such as tonsillectomies were practiced there, however. Currently, children receive medical care at the clinic or hospital in nearby Eaton Rapids.

Q. How do the children get to appointments with doctors and other places some distance from the campus?

A. The VFW National Home Transportation Department takes care of the children's needs in this area. A fleet of vehicles—buses, a van, station wagons and a small car—are utilized fully to assure that each child will arrive at his or her destination at the

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New GRECCs For The South

The Veterans Administration will establish two Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Centers (GRECCs) in the Southeastern United States, bringing the number of these centers for the study and care of the aging to 10.

In announcing the new locations at Durham, N.C., and Gainesville, Fla., VA Administrator Harry N. Walters pointed out that his agency has been cast in a leadership role in the area of geriatrics and gerontology because a large percentage of older Americans are veterans.

"Veterans comprise nearly half the country's male population over the age of 65," Walters said. He added that millions of World War II veterans will reach that age group in the next few years and the majority of older American men will be veterans.

The new centers will be activated during fiscal year 1984, which began last Oct. 1. The centers, which will be situated within "host" VA medical centers at their respective locations, each will have a core staff of about 12, including clinicians, educators, researchers and support personnel.

Each GRECC focuses on a particular area of geriatrics, such as metabolic diseases, neurology, stroke rehabilitation, immunology or organic brain disease. The new center at Durham, which is affiliated with Duke Univer-

sity, will have two specialized areas: oncology and cardiovascular disease. The Gainesville GRECC, affiliated with the University of Florida, will focus on geropharmacology.

The program, conceived by VA in 1973 and later expanded by Congress in 1980 under Public Law 96-330, was designed to counter a historic reluctance among health-care professionals to specialize in geriatric medicine, research and education. The centers now play a key role within the VA in developing innovative approaches to caring for the elderly.

There are many tangible indications that GRECCs not only influence the care of older veterans, but also have a positive effect on care of other elderly patients in their communities.

In a given year, GRECCs provide care and consultation to about 3,500 inpatients and staff about 5,000 outpatient visits. GRECCs produce some 500 publications on aging, including books, journal articles and abstracts, and conduct more than 4,000 educational activities, including the production of films and slide shows. This research and the training of physician residents, nurses, social workers and other allied health staff raise the level of interest and understanding of the entire medical community in matters related to aging.

The eight existing GRECCs are located at Bedford-West Roxbury, Mass.; Little Rock, Ark.; Minneapolis, Minn.; St. Louis, Mo.; Seattle-American Lake, Wash.; and West Los Angeles (Wadsworth Division), Palo Alto and Sepulveda, Calif.

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VA Begins Ex-POW 'Hotline'

A VA special toll-free telephone information hotline for former prisoners of war went into use Dec. 12 to inform the VA if they feel they are not being recognized as ex-POWs at VA medical centers or regional offices, or if they feel their treatment is not consistent with the intent of the Prisoners of War Health Care Benefits Act of 1981.

The Act broadened VA's authority to provide health care for ex-POWs and also liberalized rules for determining whether certain medical conditions can be considered service-connected.

The 24-hour toll-free number, 800-821-8139, is available to over 93,000 ex-POWs nationwide, and will be staffed by a select group of POW specialists from the Washington, D.C., VA regional office during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST). After-hours and weekend callers may leave a recorded message on the hotline. Former POWs living within the District of Columbia should call 389-2356.

The new information hotline will supplement the existing toll-free services provided for all veterans to VA regional offices nationwide, and it will complement also the ex-POW coordinators assigned at all 172 VA medical centers.

RECENT BOOKS

Hardbound

The Barrier and the Javelin: Japanese and Allied Strategies February to June 1942 by H.P. Willmont, Naval Institute Press, 596 pages, \$24.95. This is the second volume of a projected Pacific War trilogy, covering a five-month period that includes the battles of the Coral Sea and Midway.

Fragments by Jack Fuller, Morrow, 211 pages, \$12.95. Like the best of war novels, **Fragments** goes beyond the combat in Vietnam to examine the fundamental questions confronting men in any war: fear and courage, guilt and absolution, and the horrible necessities and choices that war itself magnifies.

Enemy Contact, by Steve L. and Kenneth W. Churchill, The New Grunts, POB 43, Galesburg, Ill., 285 pages, \$15.95. The dustjacket warns this book is "recommended for men only." The content of this recounting of Vietnam experiences is certainly not for the squeamish.

The 6th Infantry Division in World War II 1939-1945 The Battery Press, 178 pages, \$26.50. This is the twenty-fourth in the publishers Divisional Series. This volume was originally published in 1947.

Navy and Empire by James L. Stokesbury, Morrow, 430 pages, \$16.95. A short history of four centuries of British sea power and the rise and decline of British imperialism from the Armada to the Falklands.

Beam Defense: An Alternative to Nuclear Destruction Aero Publishers, 176 pages, \$7.95. This slim volume deals extensively with technological advances in direct-energy weapons development — high energy lasers and particle beams.

A Matter of Honor by Charles F. Powers, The First East Coast Theater and Publishing Co., Inc., 154 pages, \$13.99. A fictionalized account of an actual Vietnam war story, **A Matter of Honor** takes the reader on the odyssey of Robert Stokes, a small town boy caught up in ancestral memories of the rites of passage, where in the jungles he experiences the bitterness as well as the glory.

Jane's Aviation Review edited by Michael J.H. Taylor, Jane's, 176 pages, \$14.95. Competition, in space and on Earth, in business and military technology is the motif of this year's volume.

Jane's Military Review edited by Ian V. Hogg, Jane's, 174 pages, \$14.95. Based on the resources of **Jane's Defence Yearbooks**, this publication reviews military and technical developments during the past year.

IN THE FIELD

Commander Garth Nixon, **Post 1317**, Shawnee, Okla., participated in placing the first veteran on the job under the new Emergency Veterans Job Training Act of 1983, PL 98-77, with Colter Woodworking Co., Inc., of Shawnee.

Melvin Harden, a Vietnam Era veteran, was placed in his new job last Dec. 1.

President Reagan signed the bill creating PL 98-77 at the 84th VFW National Convention.

Ed Pecore, Colter plant superintendent, and James Yearout, Disabled Veterans Outreach Program specialist with the Oklahoma State Job Service and a member of Post 1317, joined in the ceremonies of placing Harden on the job.

The act provides that employers can be reimbursed 50% of the beginning wage paid up to \$10,000 to Korean or Vietnam veterans. On-the-job training is authorized for six to nine months for veterans or a maximum of 15 months for 30% or more service-connected disabled veterans.

Harden, married and the father of

Commander Garth Nixon, of Post 1317, Shawnee, Okla., joins in welcoming Melvin Harden to his new job under PL 98-77, signed by President Reagan at the 84th VFW National Convention. He is the first hired under PL 98-77. Looking on are Ed Pecore, Colter Woodworking Co. plant superintendent, and James Yearout, Disabled Veterans Outreach Program specialist with the Oklahoma State Job Service and member of Post 1317.

two children, served in the U.S. Air Force from 1963 to 1967 and from 1968 to 1976. He lived in California until his job there was phased out. Then he moved to Oklahoma. He had been looking for work since his arrival in Oklahoma last August.

Pecore, a veteran himself, said Colter Woodworking Co. was pleased to participate in the on-the-job training program. Based on the initial interview, Colter was convinced the veteran would make an excellent cabinet and furniture technician, he added.

Veterans or employers desiring more information concerning the new jobs bill for veterans should contact the Veterans Administration or the local office of their State Job Service.

Post 1317 may be the most active Post in the VFW in implementing PL 98-77, and the first.

Before President Reagan signed the bill authorizing the money for the Emergency Veterans Job Training Act, Department of Oklahoma and Post officials have attended workshops dealing with this legislation and held several programs to make its provisions known to veterans and prospective employers.

Similar activities were conducted by **Post 4578**, Guthrie; **Post 1857**, Oklahoma City, and **Post 9969**, Del City.

On Nov. 2, Commander Nixon invited Shawnee public officials to Post 1317 to discuss PL 98-77. Among

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Tour Normandy With a Group, Vets Advised

Veterans planning to visit France for the 40th anniversary of the D-Day landings on June 6, 1944, are being advised to tour with groups rather than individuals.

Otherwise they will have little opportunity to be present at either Omaha Beach or Utah Beach for programs planned for June 6, 1984.

That information was provided VFW and representatives of other veterans' organizations by tourist officials in the two French departments of Manche and Calvados, where the beaches and other areas where the fighting took place in the first weeks of the invasion of Normandy are located.

Reason is that the French in these relatively unpopulated areas—numerous villages but few large towns—lack hotel facilities for large numbers of visitors although numerous French families have agreed to open their homes to veterans.

It was explained also that the problems of providing security for visiting dignitaries, such as Queen Elizabeth II and President Ronald Reagan, who may attend the ceremonies, and other heads of state, will tax French resources. Traffic control will be another problem.

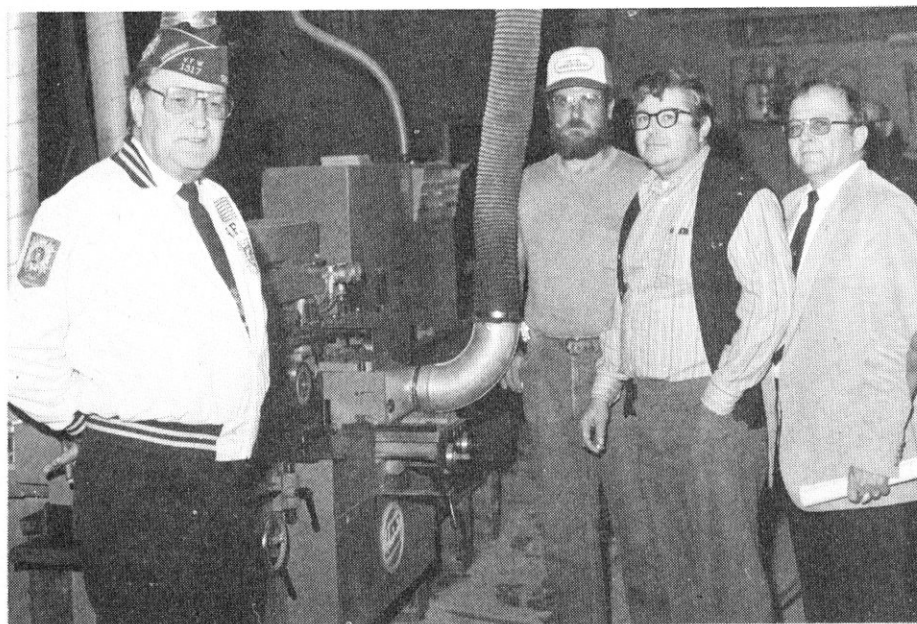
Further information is available from the French Government Tourist Office, 628 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10020, or VFW Travel Services, P.O. Box 603, Dresher, Pa. 19025.

Philippe Jutras, an American who has moved to Ste. Mere-Eglise, where he served during the Normandy Campaign and is now curator of the museum there, explained that some 100,000 visitors are expected on June 6, a staggering figure for the small area.

One group, he said, contracted last year for a helicopter to take its members from Cherbourg to the beach area for nearly \$2,000 because parking will be so difficult.

In addition, numerous French cities freed after the initial landings in Normandy will be holding celebrations all through the summer, culminating Aug. 25 with the liberation of Paris 40 years ago.

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VA Insurance Dividend Hits Record High

VA Administrator Harry N. Walters has announced a record insurance dividend of \$721.8 million for some 3.6 million veterans who have kept their GI life insurance policies in force.

The amount to be paid to policyholders during 1984 is \$48.6 million above the 1983 figure of \$673.2 million. The increase comes from higher interest rates earned by the insurance fund.

"No application for the annual dividend is needed," Walters said. "Each policyholder will receive the dividend in the month of the anniversary date of the individual policy and payments will be made in the manner selected previously by the policyholder."

Choices range from cash to the purchase of paid up insurance.

Policyholders will receive varying amounts depending on the type of policy, the amount of insurance in force, the insured's age at issue or renewal and the time the policy has been in force.

Government life insurance has been issued through various periods from January, 1919, through May, 1966, to veterans of World Wars I, II and Korea.

The 67,166 holders of United States Government Life Insurance (USGLI with serial numbers prefixed by "K") will receive, on the average, a dividend of \$244 out of a total distribution of \$16.4 million. These policies were issued mainly during World War I.

The nearly 3 million veterans who kept their World War II National Service Life Insurance in force (NSLI prefixed with a "V") will share \$619.6 million in dividends. Average dividend on Modified Life Plan policies will be \$130 and on the permanent plan an average dividend of \$279 and \$123 on term policies.

The Veterans Special Life Insurance (VSLI prefixed with "RS" and "W") will pay out a total of \$56.9 million to 458,964 policyholders. The average payment to W term policyholders will be \$49, the RS term will receive \$92 and the W permanent plan, \$180.

The Veterans Reopened Insurance (VRI) program will pay \$28.9 million to 150,191 holders of "J", "JR", and "JS" policies with J policyholders receiving about \$184, JR \$243 and JS \$467.

Walters Thanks VFW for Support

In a letter marking the first anniversary of his appointment on Dec. 16, 1982, VA Administrator Harry N. Walters wrote Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson thanking him for his support and that of his staff.

Here is the text of Walters's letter:

One year ago today, I was appointed by President Reagan as Administrator of Veterans Affairs. It has been an eventful year for all of us as we have worked together on behalf of our nation's veterans.

The purpose of this note is to thank you and the members of your staff personally for the cooperation, guidance, support and friendship provided

all of us in the VA during the past year. Your participation on the VA team has been and will continue to be critical to our fulfilling America's commitment to veterans. Working together, we cannot fail.

I am extremely honored to be the veterans' advocate; I pledge to you and those you represent in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, as I did a year ago, my continued efforts to successfully accomplish the mission of the Veterans Administration.

Again, thanks for all you have done for veterans and the VA. To you, your staff, the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, your Auxiliary, and your families, my best wishes for a most joyous holiday season and a rewarding 1984.

America is #1—Thanks to our veterans.

My Friend the GI Insurance Policy

By Jim Condon

"Goodbye, old and trusted friend!" I felt sad when I recently cancelled my old Army insurance. We had been together for nearly four decades.

When I signed up for the maximum of \$10,000 life coverage, I was attending the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. I was amazed that any insurer would unconditionally offer life insurance to thousands of graduating second lieutenants in 1943. We would immediately join infantry companies and ship out to the European or Pacific Theaters. The average rifle company officer's life expectancy in combat was reported to be about three minutes.

Apparently, National Service Life Insurance authorities knew what they were doing. In my case, at least, they never had to pay off.

Considering the huge risk they took in those deadly times, their rates were low. For my \$10,000 life policy, I paid only \$6.70 per quarter. Nowhere else could I have found a bargain like that, war or no war.

During the postwar years, premiums increased, but not painfully so. As late as 1956, I paid only \$22 per quarter, just a fraction of the cost of some additional life insurance I had taken out. Naturally, I clung to my GI policy like an old friend who had my best interests at heart.

Several decades passed. Last year I received a Certificate of Renewal quoting the latest increased rates. I would now pay \$100 quarterly. Too much. With tear-blurred eyes I wrote that I was cancelling. The cost at last exceeded the value of the protection. After all, how much will \$10,000 buy today? Maybe the tiniest German-made car and a couple of tankfuls of gasoline.

Besides, my cost for keeping the policy would continue to go up in the future, as explained under the heading "Premiums will continue to increase at older ages." Should I live to age 83, the quarterly cost would be \$650. That's roughly 100 times the amount I paid during those years when the Germans were doing their best to kill me off.

So I said farewell to my old friend. It has been a little easier to part company with my life insurance policy because I'm still enjoying good health and often feel I may live to eternity. By the way, I wonder how high the premiums will be then?

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Pearl Harbor Remembered

Highlights of the nation's observance of Pearl Harbor Day, making the 42nd anniversary of the Japanese sneak attack on the big Navy base in Hawaii on Dec. 7, were the activities by two Mississippi Posts.

The Pearl Harbor assault by the more Japanese planes on Hickam Field and the U.S. Pacific Fleet of 86 ships anchored at Pearl Harbor inflicted casualties of 2,117 Navy dead, 960 missing and 876 wounded, while the Army sustained 226 killed and 396 wounded. It brought the United States formally into World War II that had begun more than two years earlier.

Post 2439 at Gulfport, Miss., conducted Pearl Harbor Survivors Recognition Day and Post 4727 in Belzoni conducted ceremonies at the war memorial on the grounds of the Humphreys County Courthouse where a plaque containing the names of the county's 45 World War II dead and missing was dedicated. The plaque was paid for by the county, city and Post 4727 and promoted by the Rotary Club.

Nearly 300 persons participated in Post 2539's event, with Joe Fedeles as chairman. Chaplain Hubert Bechard offered a prayer at the opening of the program.

Department officers taking part in-

cluded Sr. Vice Commander Arthur (Sonny) Triplett, Jr. Vice Commander Lee Childress, Quartermaster Horace Cupit and Chaplain James Brown, who was Department Commander in 1969-70. Past MOC Supreme Commander Bill Brice, immediate Past Department Commander Guy Thornton, District 1 officers, officers of Posts in the area and Keesler Air Force Base representatives also were present. The Keesler Chorus provided several musical selections.

Survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack introduced by Bill Ripple, their spokesman, were Clarence Lott, who served on the USS Argonne; J.C. Cothorn, of Hickam Field; E.E. Davenport, a USS Phoenix survivor; Galen Hoffner, who served on the USS Tanager; Jimmy Bussolati and Willie Radau, USS Raleigh survivors; Elbert Blythe and Paul Bahn, of the submarine base; Henry Hearn, Harvey Heidelberg, of the USS Pruitt; Melvin Yonker, of the USS Rigel; Russell Lott, a USS Arizona survivor, and several others.

Department Auxiliary officers, including President Edna Earl Schull, were introduced by President Mary E. Underhill, of the Post's Auxiliary.

Principal speaker was National Chief of Staff Raymond D. Brennan, Jr., who

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Standing at the plaque bearing the names of 45 area World War II dead and missing dedicated in Belzoni, Miss., on Pearl Harbor Day are Post 4727 Quartermaster P.B. Simpson, W.L. Solomon, Jr., a leading Rotarian; the Rev. Joseph Thurman, Rep. Webb Franklin, Mayor Tom Turner, Jr., and Carl L. Allen, a World War II prisoner of the Japanese.

Post 2082 Aids Small Town In Mexico

A special drive conducted by Post 2082 in Lemon Grove, Calif., netted more than \$5,000 in cash and material to assist a small Mexican town 30 miles south of San Diego during Christmas.

Two Post 2082 members, Paul Stoner and Frank Brown, learned of the town's needs, and the Post launched its campaign for cash, toys, candy, clothing and bedding.

A newspaper advertisement brought in additional assistance which included 70 pounds of Christmas candy.

Stoner and Brown drove more than 250 miles to gather the donated goods, and four trucks took it to the Mexican town.

Stoner and Brown singled out Happy Blake and Cootie Pup Tent 82 for special praise for their cooperation, as well as everyone else who contributed to the campaign.

Angie Garcia, who acted as interpreter for Stoner and Brown, also was lauded for her assistance.

Don't Delay Getting Your Passport

If you are planning to go overseas this year to take part in any World War II 40th anniversary observances, don't wait until the last minute to apply for your passport.

That advice has been issued by Secretary of State George P. Shultz, who says that most passport applications are processed in the peak months of March through July.

So if you can get started with your application in February, chances are better that you will receive yours in plenty of time for your trip.

"We take seriously our responsibility to provide to the public the high level of passport service it has the right to expect," Shultz said.

In short, don't wait until the last minute to get your passport. Avoid the crowds and get your application in as soon as possible.

The State Department's current slogan for encouraging early applications is "We're working to put time on your side."

It's Kevlar not 'Coal-Scuttle'

American veterans may have been a little startled when they saw pictures of U.S. paratroopers in Grenada wearing helmets that looked suspiciously like the old familiar German "coal-scuttle" helmets of both World Wars.

Actually, it was the Army's new Kevlar protective headgear receiving its trial by fire and is scheduled to replace the "steel pot" that has been used by the services since early in World War II when the old British-style helmet was discarded.

First introduced to the Army in 1941, the steel pot underwent only minor evolutionary improvements until 1972. Efforts to make major changes met with failure for a variety of reasons ranging from lack of troop acceptance to high cost.

In 1972, a new approach was taken in developing an infantry helmet. It was scientifically designed using human factors data and was fabricated from the most advanced lightweight ballistic material available. This material, an aramid fiber called Kevlar, exhibits superior ballistic properties against fragmentation.

Based on data from WW II, Korea and Vietnam, it was found that an average of half the deaths and 63% of the non-fatal wounds were caused by fragmentation munitions. These data also show that approximately 16% of all wounds were located in the head and neck. The helmet was therefore designed in three sizes to provide increased comfort, fit and stability and an 11% wider area of head and neck coverage.

Casualty reduction analysis revealed the Kevlar helmet would definitely reduce the incidence of wounds to the head and neck region. Additionally, operational field testing indicated that almost universal troop acceptance was due to increased comfort and stability. It was felt that all these factors would directly translate into improved combat effectiveness for the soldier. Before Grenada, however, actual combat effectiveness and troop confidence could

not be measured.

Elements of the 82nd Airborne Division which participated in the recent action in Grenada were the only troop units using the Kevlar helmet in that country. Their experience with the helmet in combat has been exceptionally positive.

Two specific cases in which the lives of soldiers were saved because of the helmet were reported. In one, a soldier took a hit to the head from an AK-47 rifle round fired from a distance of no more than 25 yards. The result was a small dimple in the helmet and, more important, a soldier who is alive today. In another instance, a large piece of shrapnel from a 20mm explosive round struck a soldier in the head. The protection afforded by the Kevlar helmet saved his life.

Numerous comments from soldiers in Grenada indicated the exceptional

comfort and fit of the Kevlar helmet compared to its predecessor. These comments extend to its usefulness in airborne operations where the soldiers jump wearing the helmet.

Two general negative comments concerning the helmet were noted. On the lighter side, it was reported that the Kevlar helmet was not useful as a shaving and washing basin. In a more serious vein, it was perceived that its protective design made it more difficult to hear when wearing the Kevlar helmet compared to the steel pot. Extensive acoustical testing, however, indicates no lessening of hearing when wearing the Kevlar helmet.

The significant increase in casualty reduction and the soldier's acceptance of and confidence in the Kevlar helmet have made and will continue to make it a positive factor in increased combat effectiveness.

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These two paratroopers, PFC Maurice McNerny, of Minneapolis, and Cpl. William Cardenas, of Detroit, wear the new Kevlar helmet during the 1982 Reforger exercise in Germany. The helmets were worn for the first time in combat during the action in Grenada.

Stand Watch for POW/MIAs

For the past several months several hundred VFW members have been standing watch for varying periods of time at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington.

While most of them, of course, are Vietnam veterans, those who served in earlier wars have joined with them as they undertake the responsibility to remind the general public that some 2,500 Americans have yet to be accounted for in Southeast Asia.

Last May, early in the veterans' vigil at the memorial, 25 from Massachusetts journeyed to Washington from 17 cities in the state.

A group from Illinois last March participated in the watch and, like a similar contingent from Wisconsin that was there with a Minnesota delegation during Veterans Week in Washington, intends to resume its vigil during the VFW Mid-Winter Conference in March.

Discussing his reasons for participation, Dane R. Harvey, Illinois District 19 Vietnam Veterans Coordinator, wrote:

Brian Burke, Scott Anderson display the Minnesota state flag during their vigil for the POW/MIAs at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C.



"Many people, veterans and non-veterans, ask why I chose to spend a week away from my job and home life to stand in the rain and cold at a memorial to those who died and are missing from a war that ended over 10 years ago.

"The vigil was brought to my attention shortly after the holidays when a group of men from Ohio spent Christmas to New Year's at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial attempting to focus attention on the fate of nearly 2,500 men who have not yet returned from their involvement in Southeast Asia. One by one, veterans from around the country have responded and represented their states. Illinois was scheduled to begin its vigil on March 6, 1983. My participation was inevitable, for this was the date of the 13th anniversary of my arrival in South Vietnam.

"I missed the dedication of the Memorial in November, 1982, but had

talked to many who had been there. I was amazed to hear the range of responses from those who have visited 'The Wall' as it is often called. For many it brought back bad memories of the war, but for most it represented the 'welcome home' that was never extended. It allowed Vietnam veterans to stand tall and proud again.

"The VFW Mid-Winter Conference was also held during the week our group from Illinois was in Washington. I was curious to see how the VFW was responding to the concerns of its newest members. I talked to members of the organization from all over the country and was gratified to find that Vietnam veterans were involved at all levels. Not only the POW/MIA issue, but Agent Orange and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder were receiving the support of the organization, not only at the Post level, but up to National level as well.

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Wisconsin VFW members and others gather at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The group performed the vigil for the POW/MIAs during Veterans Week in Washington. Director was Dave Zien and coordinator was Bob Busby.

'O'er the Land of the Free And the Home of the Brave'

Old Glory

By Harold Helfer

Did you know that you can still see and still hail that glorious old banner that flew over Fort McHenry when the British fleet attacked it in 1814 and inspired Francis Scott Key to write when, despite the savage bombardment, "the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there..."?

Only you can't see it at dawn. You have to wait until 10:30 a.m. But Old Glory is still very much there, and continues to "wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Well, actually, it doesn't wave physically anymore. But emotionally, in your heart, you can't help but be stirred and know that this is something that stands for something that encompasses all America in what is noblest and most wonderful about our nation.

The flag is now at the National Museum of American History in the nation's capital. Francis Scott Key wrote about its "broad stripes and bright stars." Well, the Star-Spangled Banner doesn't gleam quite so brightly now. It has, truth to tell, something of a tattered look about it.

But, of course, it's a grand old flag. And you can still see it. Well, not quite all of it. Part of the original flag is missing. But it's still a big flag, 30 feet by 34 feet. When it was flying over Fort McHenry it was 30 by 42 but part of the flag just gave way.

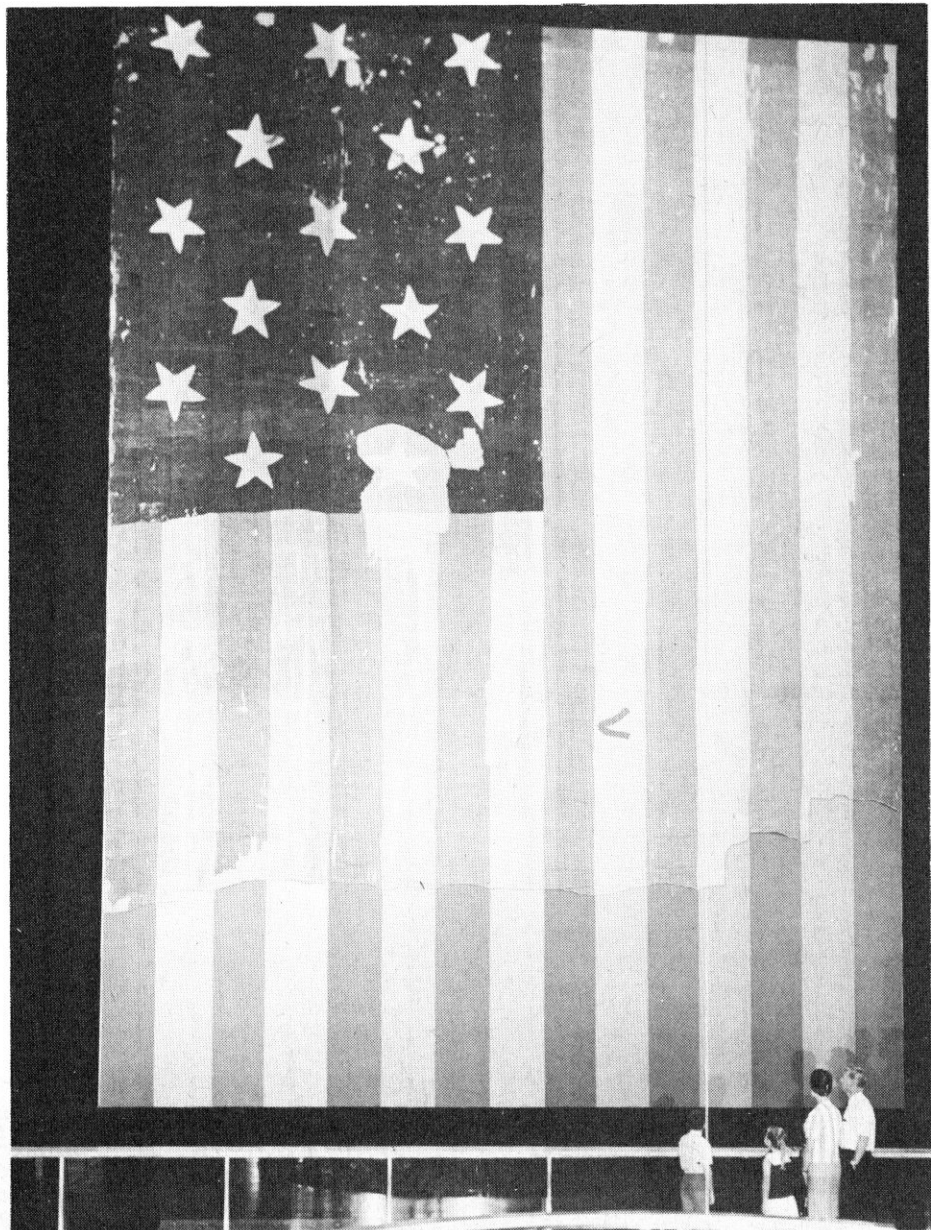
There's still a lot of flag to see, though, and what the museum is trying to do is make sure that what's left of it remains. That's why, for the past year now, there's been a cover over the flag. The cover protects it from the dust which, in its own insidious way over a period of time, can be as harmful to the flag as military bombardment.

Still, an American flag, and certainly not the Star-Spangled Banner, wouldn't want to stay under cover forever and so every half hour on the hour, beginning at 10:30, as long as the museum stays open, the cover comes off, and for a few minutes while the national anthem, Francis Scott Key's

song, is being played, the public can see this somewhat shabby but still beautiful banner.

Then the cover comes over it again. But you know, as sure as shooting, as sure as bombardment, as sure as anything else, that gallant old flag will be gallantly back again.

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Veterans Day

Throughout the country, VFW Posts marked Veterans Day in simple, somber ceremonies of remembrance or with parades. Here are captured some of the moments at several of them.

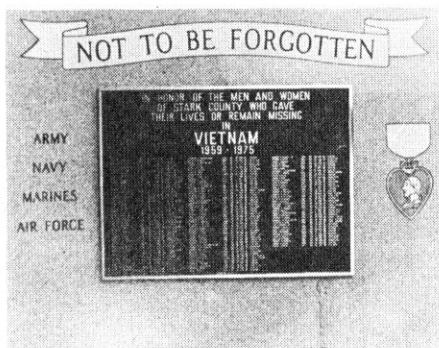
A monument jointly sponsored by VFW Post 5623 and American Legion Post 143 is unveiled on Veterans Day by Commander Milton Cobler, of Post 143, and Commander Lowell Kubala, of Post 5623. Engraved on the memorial are the names of 57 area residents killed in the two World Wars, Korea and Vietnam.



What is thought to be the world's largest staff-hoisted Flag was flown by VFW Post 2743, Norwalk, Ohio, on Veterans Day. It is 50 feet by 80 feet. The men on the tower are descending after unfurling the Flag. Two seamstresses worked 135 hours to make it. The Flag appears in the Guinness Book of World Records. It is the Post's second outsize Flag. The other is 2 feet by 4 feet smaller.



This monument to the 137 Stark County dead and missing from the Vietnam War was dedicated in Massillon, Ohio, shortly before Veterans Day. Commander Terry Roan, of Ohio's District 6, was one of the initiators of the monument last January when the campaign for its construction was launched.



Veterans Day radio scripts are handed by Past Commander Fritz Brunswick, of Post 3088, Sturgeon Bay, Wis., to Past District 8 Commander Fry Matzke and by Post Commander Roger Hartel to Post Sr. Vice Commander George Boneske. Written by Brunswick and narrated by Matzke and Boneske, the script was aired over WDOR. A similar program was presented on Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7. For programs of this type, veterans may contact Commander Hartel at Post 3088, Sturgeon Bay, Wis. 54235.

Veterans Day



National Chief of Staff Raymond D. Brennan, Jr., and New Jersey Department Commander Walter Merklin lead the Veterans Day parade held by Post 2179, Middletown Township, N.J.

Dedication ceremonies of this black marble monument to the 58 Americans from Northern Michigan killed during the Vietnam War were held in Penn Park in Petoskey, Mich., on Veterans Day. Post 2051 aided Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 68 with a \$1,000 donation toward the memorial's erection.



Visit a
Veteran
Today



Post 4324, Wahpeton, N.D., dedicated a picnic shelter in Chahinkapa Park to the memory of Woodrow W. Keeble, one of the state's most decorated soldiers and a member of the Post before his death. At the ceremonies were Robert Novetzke, a Post member who donated the masonry work; Past Post Commander Gale Tollefson, Col. Duane Holly and Post QM Herman Hareland, who furnished the electrical labor.

December (Parenthetical number indicates times Commander has won this honor)



DIV I
George D. Miller (4)
Ohio



DIV II
Joseph Jeanette (4)
Minnesota



DIV III
Lester Davis
Florida



DIV IV
Edward W. Fowler, Jr. (4)
Maryland



DIV V
Russell Truax (3)
Iowa

national aides-de-camp

The following VFW members have distinguished themselves by winning appointments as National Aides-de-Camp, Recruiting Class, during the month of December, 1983. To be eligible for this award, a member must collect the dues of at least 50 new and/or reinstated members.

Terry V. Jordan, Post 1098, McAlester, Okla.;

Charles H. Kingsbury, Post 10673, Westmoreland, N.H.; Thomas Mancil, Post 4185, Clewiston, Fla.; Charlie T. Clanton and Manuel Mays, Post 9191, Killeen, Texas; Donald J. Sweat, Post 9300, Napa, Calif.; Ernest R. Blodgett, Post 1744, San Bernardino, Calif.; Donald Cunningham, Post 7591, Madison Wis.; and Ralph J. Eswein, Post 2754, West View, Pa.



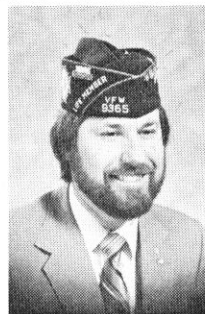
DIV VI
Douglas H.
Raymond (4)
Colorado



DIV VII
William Stepp
North Dakota



DIV VIII
James R. Ross (2)
Rhode Island



DIV IX
Gene Corbin (4)
Alaska



DIV X
William E. Gray, Jr. (3)
District of Columbia

order of parade

Standings are based on per capita tax transmittals received at National Headquarters through Dec. 31, 1983.

NATIONAL AVERAGE — 87.49%

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| 3 | Ohio | 92.57 | 23 | Montana | 88.78 | 37 | Maine | 85.03 |
| 4 | North Dakota | 92.36 | 24 | New Mexico | 88.41 | 38 | Massachusetts | 84.14 |
| 5 | Florida | 91.76 | 25 | New Jersey | 88.36 | 39 | District of Columbia | 84.07 |
| 6 | Wisconsin | 90.98 | 26 | California | 88.23 | 40 | Texas | 83.72 |
| 7 | Michigan | 90.75 | 27 | Illinois | 88.16 | 41 | Kentucky | 83.52 |
| 8 | Rhode Island | 90.58 | 28 | North Carolina | 87.85 | 42 | Wyoming | 83.19 |
| 9 | Indiana | 90.51 | 29 | Washington | 87.80 | 43 | Arkansas | 83.15 |
| 10 | Iowa | 90.14 | 30 | Colorado | 87.67 | 44 | Idaho | 82.36 |
| 11 | Maryland | 90.10 | 31 | Kansas | 87.55 | 45 | Alabama | 81.67 |
| 12 | Louisiana | 89.89 | 32 | Nevada | 87.55 | 46 | Pacific Area | 81.67 |
| 13 | Virginia | 89.84 | 33 | New Hampshire | 87.26 | 47 | Utah | 81.22 |
| 14 | South Dakota | 89.78 | 34 | Mississippi | 86.87 | 48 | Delaware | 80.63 |
| | | | | Vermont | 86.66 | 49 | Tennessee | 80.48 |
| | | | | Arizona | 86.12 | 50 | Hawaii | 79.95 |
| | | | | South Carolina | 85.94 | 51 | Oklahoma | 79.85 |
| | | | | Connecticut | 85.87 | 52 | Georgia | 78.32 |
| | | | | Pennsylvania | 85.74 | 53 | Germany | 62.10 |
| | | | | West Virginia | 85.63 | LAST | Panama Canal | 56.83 |

Winners Announced In Nat'l Recruiter Award Contest

These 15 Comrades are the winners of the National Recruiter Award Contest announced last September.

Selmer J. Dimmen, Post 2793, Thief River Falls, Minn., first; Tiny F Luinstra,

Post 1335, Woodward, Okla., second; Charles W. Lushia, Jr., Post 9327, Santee, Calif., third; Thomas W. Parks, Post 10664, Barberton, Ohio, fourth; and Donald E. Thompson, Post 9650, Anderson Calif., fifth.

Lewis R. Kreager, Post 2772, Sherman, Texas, sixth; Clayton F Fischer, Post 3717, Sylvania, Ohio, seventh; Frank Calvo, Post 4997, Bronx, N.Y., eighth; Eldred C. Van Fossen, Post 3285, Frederick, Md., ninth; and Nicholas D. Cavallaro, Post 524, Corn-
ing, N.Y., 10th.

John A. Biedrzycki, Post 418, Pittsburgh, Pa., 11th; Homer L. Reed, Post 812, El Paso, Texas, 12th; Charles T. Snyder, Post 4225, Kissimmee, Fla., 13th; Howard C. Hutchins, Post 668, Tarrant, Ala., 14th; and Charles E. Bowling, Post 4919, Muscle Shoals, Ala., 15th.

Winners were selected from a drawing for recruiting during July, August, September, October and November. Prizes ranged from \$1,000 or a personal computer to cordless telephones or \$150.



posts of 1,000 members or more

Recorded December 9, 1983

| Place | Post No. | Location | 1984 Membership |
|-------|----------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 1114 | Evansville, Ind. | 3,661 |
| 2 | 3579 | Park Ridge, Ill. | 2,428 |
| 3 | 628 | Sioux Falls, S.D. | 2,168 |
| 4 | 1308 | Alton, Ill. | 2,092 |
| 5 | 360 | Mishawaka, Ind. | 1,988 |
| 6 | 1146 | Saint Clair Shores, Mich. | 1,973 |
| 7 | 5555 | Richfield, Minn. | 1,970 |
| 8 | 47 | Uniontown, Pa. | 1,924 |
| 9 | 1064 | Huntington, W.Va. | 1,770 |
| 10 | 1296 | Bloomington, Minn. | 1,749 |
| 11 | 131 | Lincoln, Neb. | 1,748 |
| 12 | 1273 | Rapid City, S.D. | 1,710 |
| 13 | 2290 | Manville, N.J. | 1,660 |
| 14 | 49 | Mobile, Ala. | 1,654 |
| 15 | 1275 | Lima, Ohio | 1,600 |
| 16 | 6704 | Mechanicsburg, Pa. | 1,572 |
| 17 | 6640 | Metairie, La. | 1,539 |
| 18 | 401 | Albuquerque, N.M. | 1,527 |
| 19 | 3382 | Kingsport, Tenn. | 1,475 |
| 20 | 6506 | Rosedale, Md. | 1,463 |
| 21 | 367 | Joliet, Ill. | 1,451 |
| 22 | 969 | Tacoma, Wash. | 1,448 |
| 23 | 6975 | Bristol, Va. | 1,434 |
| 24 | 2100 | Everett, Wash. | 1,409 |
| 25 | 249 | Butler, Pa. | 1,408 |
| 26 | 1989 | Indiana, Pa. | 1,360 |
| 27 | 4372 | Odessa, Texas | 1,349 |
| 28 | 379 | Yakima, Wash. | 1,344 |
| 29 | 1003 | Jefferson City, Mo. | 1,333 |
| 30 | 5632 | Saint Louis Park, Minn. | 1,329 |
| 31 | 9619 | Morningside, Md. | 1,327 |
| 32 | 7987 | New Port Richey, Fla. | 1,323 |
| 33 | 501 | Denver, Colo. | 1,322 |
| 34 | 53 | Jamestown, N.Y. | 1,321 |
| 35 | 3851 | Carmi, Ill. | 1,315 |
| 36 | 5263 | Fort Sill, Okla. | 1,303 |
| 37 | 447 | Albert Lea, Minn. | 1,299 |
| 38 | 1736 | Alexandria, La. | 1,298 |
| 39 | 2539 | Gulfport, Miss. | 1,283 |
| 40 | 1650 | Topeka, Kans. | 1,267 |
| 41 | 1621 | Janesville, Wis. | 1,266 |
| 42 | 3962 | Corinth, Miss. | 1,255 |
| 43 | 1599 | Chambersburg, Pa. | 1,253 |
| 44 | 4903 | Tucson, Ariz. | 1,246 |
| 45 | 4087 | Davison, Mich. | 1,242 |
| 46 | 2704 | South Omaha, Neb. | 1,234 |
| 47 | 549 | Tucson, Ariz. | 1,225 |
| 48 | 8541 | San Antonio, Texas | 1,224 |
| 49 | 7330 | Oakville, Conn. | 1,223 |
| 50 | 1000 | Independence, Mo. | 1,220 |
| 51 | 2199 | Joliet, Ill. | 1,203 |
| 52 | 295 | South Saint Paul, Minn. | 1,196 |
| 52 | 6896 | Detroit, Mich. | 1,196 |
| 54 | 733 | Mason City, Iowa | 1,193 |
| 55 | 2503 | Omaha, Neb. | 1,191 |
| 56 | 1865 | Kenosha, Wis. | 1,189 |
| 57 | 573 | Clarksburg, W.Va. | 1,187 |
| 58 | 283 | Kingston, Pa. | 1,180 |
| 58 | 1079 | Elyria, Ohio | 1,180 |
| 60 | 1810 | Brentwood, Pa. | 1,178 |
| 61 | 7119 | Indianapolis, Ind. | 1,177 |
| 62 | 112 | Wichita, Kans. | 1,168 |
| 63 | 4057 | Tupelo, Miss. | 1,163 |
| 64 | 23 | Lebanon, Pa. | 1,156 |
| 65 | 1857 | Oklahoma City, Okla. | 1,155 |
| 66 | 641 | Columbia, S.C. | 1,151 |
| 67 | 2529 | Sandusky, Ohio | 1,146 |
| 68 | 891 | Asheville, N.C. | 1,143 |
| 69 | 2346 | Saugus, Mass. | 1,141 |
| 70 | 1432 | Salina, Kans. | 1,135 |
| 71 | 6874 | Lemon Grove, Calif. | 1,134 |
| 72 | 6240 | Russell, Kans. | 1,123 |
| 72 | 2754 | West View, Pa. | 1,123 |
| 74 | 832 | South Portland, Maine | 1,111 |
| 75 | 1216 | Austin, Minn. | 1,109 |
| 76 | 6251 | Cheektowaga, N.Y. | 1,103 |
| 77 | 762 | Fargo, N.D. | 1,098 |
| 78 | 3838 | Cape Girardeau, Mo. | 1,094 |
| 79 | 1 | Denver, Colo. | 1,087 |
| 80 | 3777 | Festus, Mo. | 1,086 |
| 81 | 2012 | Abilene, Texas | 1,079 |
| 82 | 6796 | Dallas, Texas | 1,075 |
| 83 | 428 | Saint Cloud, Minn. | 1,071 |
| 84 | 577 | Tulsa, Okla. | 1,063 |
| 85 | 2940 | West Seneca, N.Y. | 1,062 |
| 86 | 1639 | Willmar, Minn. | 1,061 |
| 87 | 137 | Duluth, Minn. | 1,050 |
| 88 | 9400 | Sunnyslope, Ariz. | 1,046 |
| 89 | 2640 | Wallington, N.J. | 1,041 |
| 90 | 5225 | West Memphis, Ark. | 1,036 |
| 91 | 589 | Hazleton, Pa. | 1,035 |
| 92 | 2093 | Orlando, Fla. | 1,033 |
| 93 | 3790 | Logansport, Ind. | 1,028 |
| 94 | 1590 | Daytona Beach, Fla. | 1,011 |
| 95 | 1863 | Solon, Ohio | 1,010 |
| 95 | 1120 | Indianapolis, Ind. | 1,010 |
| 97 | 5206 | Hendersonville, N.C. | 1,007 |
| 98 | 1475 | Amarillo, Texas | 1,003 |
| 99 | 3892 | Harker Heights, Texas | 1,001 |
| 100 | 1115 | Hillsville, Va. | 1,000 |



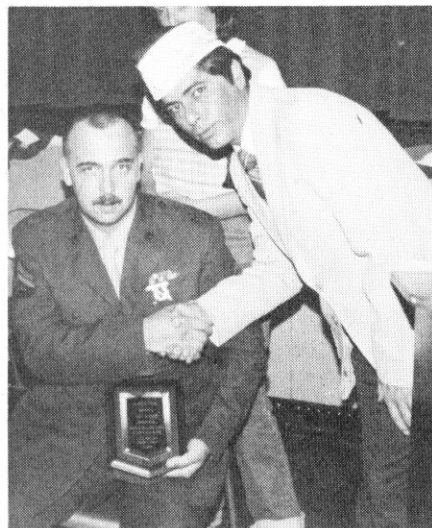
VFW In Action



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During a recent visit to New Mexico, Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr., right, toured the Los Alamos National Laboratory with Department Commander Elmo J. Whitmore.

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Tennessee Department Commander Kenneth R. Houston presents a Commander-in-Chief's tie pin to John Lane, member of Post 5776, Sevierville, Tenn. Uncle John, as he was known, passed away the next day. He was the state's last surviving Spanish-American War veteran.

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Cpl. Truman Dale Garner, a survivor of the bombing of the Marine headquarters in Beirut that took more than 240 lives, is welcomed home by Commander James Kilgore, of Post 4850, Jasper, Ala., who presented him with a plaque praising him.

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Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr., right, poses with Commander Loyd Baldwin, of Post 3905, Kaufman, Texas, and Department Commander Emmett A. Stelzer during a Texas tour.



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Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr., receives the keys to Cranston, R.I., from Mayor Edward DiPrete at Post 2396.

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On her 100th birthday, Mrs. Ada Frier, a charter member of Auxiliary 3684, Johnson, Kans., is honored by Post 3684 and Auxiliary Leora Akagi, Auxiliary President, presents her with congratulations from the Commander-in-Chief, as Post Commander Frank Frier, her son, looks on.

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A 60-year membership is awarded Edwin Kraft by Quartermaster Roger Caron, of Post 4174, Lehigh Acres, Fla. A charter member of Post 104, Brooklyn, Kraft actually has been a member 64 years.

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Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Billy Ray Cameron relaxes after dedicating an addition to Post 1679's home in Ventura, Calif. With him are member Ken Parsons and Commander Talbot Kent.

Medals That Mean VFW Eligibility

WWI TO WWII

Since the beginning of World War II, 11 campaign medals and one ribbon without a medal have been awarded making veterans who have received them eligible for VFW membership.

A 12th, the Navy's China Service Medal, awarded between July 7, 1937, and Sept. 7, 1939, was revived on Sept. 2, 1945, and issued until April 1, 1957, for service in China, Taiwan and the Matsu Straits. Army and Air Force personnel who took part in these operations also were awarded the medal by the Navy Department.

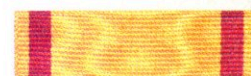
The latest group of service personnel to receive campaign medals are those who took part in the Grenadian rescue mission and the Navy and Marine Corps personnel who have been participating in the Lebanon operations (January issue).

The American Defense Service Medal, authorized from Sept. 8, 1939, to Dec. 7, 1941, was the first World War II era campaign medal awarded. VFW membership eligibility, however, requires that it bear a foreign service clasp, denoted on the uniform ribbon by a small star.

On Nov. 6, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized the American Campaign, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medals to date from Dec. 7, 1941. Termination established by President Harry Truman was March 2, 1946; Nov. 8, 1945, and March 2, 1946, respectively.

The Army of Occupation Medal, still awarded members of the Army's Berlin Brigade stationed in West Berlin, has a beginning date of May 9, 1945, for Italy, Germany and Austria. Ending dates are Sept. 15, 1947, Italy; May 5, 1955, Germany, and July 27, 1955, Austria. For Korea and Japan, the dates are Sept. 3, 1945, to June 29, 1949, and Sept. 3, 1945, to April 27, 1952, respectively.

The Navy Occupation Medal's dates are May 8, 1945, to Dec. 15, 1947, Italy, and May 8, 1945, to Oct. 26, 1954, for the city of Trieste. Ending dates for Germany are the same as the Army's, but Austria's is Oct. 25, 1955. Dates for the Asiatic Pacific are Sept. 2, 1945, to



WWII



Post WWII



April 27, 1952.

The Korean Service Medal for all branches is from June 27, 1950, to July 27, 1954.

Award of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, most recently for the rescue mission to Grenada, effective Oct. 24, 1983, with ending date to be announced, traces Cold War involvement from luke warm through hot.

Its first award was for service in Lebanon from July 1 to Nov. 1, 1958, and from July 1, 1958, to July 3, 1965, for Vietnam. It was awarded twice for Congo service. First was from July 14, 1960, to Sept. 1, 1962, and then from Nov. 23 to 27, 1964.

Its other dates are Quemoy and Matsu Islands from Aug. 23, 1958, to June 1, 1963; Taiwan Straits, Aug. 23, 1958, to Jan. 1, 1959; Laos, April 19, 1961, to Oct. 7, 1962; Berlin, Aug. 14, 1961, to June 1, 1963; Cuba, Oct. 24, 1962, to June 1, 1963; Dominican Republic, April 28, 1965, to Sept. 21, 1966; Korea, Oct. 1, 1966, to June 30, 1974; Cambodia, March 29, 1973, to

World I to World War II

These are the ribbons of campaign medals creating veterans' eligibility for VFW membership based on World War I or service between the two World Wars. From left to right, they are the Haitian Campaign, the World War I Victory with battle star, the Army of Occupation of Germany, the Second Nicaraguan Campaign, Yangtze Service and China Service, revived from Sept. 2, 1945, to April 1, 1957. Not shown is the ribbon of the Mexican Service Medal.

World War II

Starting at the top with the American Defense Service Medal ribbon, with battle star indicating overseas service, these are the ribbons of World War II campaign medals: American, Asiatic-Pacific, European-African-Middle Eastern and the Army of Occupation and Navy Occupation. The last two medals have the same ribbons, but the medals themselves differentiate between the services. Any of these as shown create VFW membership eligibility.

Post-World War II

The United States' global commitments after World War II are symbolized by the medals awarded for campaigns since World War II. From left to right, they are the ribbons of the Korean Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM), The Navy Expeditionary Medal, the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal and the Combat Action ribbon. The two specific Navy and Marine medals originated in the pre-war era and were revived in 1961. They are now awarded for Lebanon service. The Grenada operation won for its participants the AFEM.

Aug. 15, 1973; evacuation of Cambodia, April 11 to 13, 1975; evacuation of Vietnam, April 29 to 30, 1975; and Mayaguez operation, May 15, 1975.

A bronze star signifies each subsequent award. A silver star denotes five awards.

Dates for the Navy and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medals, awarded their personnel in Lebanon since Aug. 20, 1982, are Thailand military operation, May 16, 1962, to Aug. 10, 1962; Cuban military operation, Jan. 3, 1961, to Oct. 23, 1962; and Iranian, Yemen and Indian Ocean operations, Dec. 8, 1978, to June 6, 1979, and Nov. 21, 1979, to Oct. 20, 1981.

Bronze stars indicate additional awards of the medals.

The Vietnam Service Medal was awarded for service there from July 4, 1965, to March 28, 1973.

The Combat Action Ribbon, awarded first on March 1, 1961, with no termination date announced, is for Navy and Marine Corps personnel or Coast Guardsmen under Navy control who took part in a ground or surface combat action. Its award is not confined to periods of declared war or national emergency. The Combat Action Ribbon was earned by the crew of the USS Liberty, attacked by the Israelis, and the USS Pueblo, attacked and seized by the North Koreans.

The World War I Victory Medal, with battle or service clasp, ran from April 6, 1917, to April 1, 1920 (Navy ending date is March 30, 1920). It is the one most VFW members of that period earned. The other is the Army of Occupation of Germany, dated from Nov. 12, 1918, to July 11, 1923.

The Mexican Service Medal from April 12, 1911, to June 16, 1919, makes a veteran eligible for VFW membership, too. For service after U.S. entry into World War I, however, the veteran must have participated in selected engagements in Mexico, Texas or Arizona.

Three Navy medals, besides the China Service, qualifying a veteran for VFW membership, and awarded during the interwar period are the Second Haitian Campaign, April 1, 1919, to June 15, 1920; Second Nicaraguan Campaign, Aug. 27, 1926, to Jan. 2, 1933; and Yangtze Service, Sept. 3, 1926, to Oct. 21, 1927, and March 1, 1930, to Dec. 31, 1932.

There is a distinction between decorations and campaign and service

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VA to Study Viet Vets' Problems

The Veterans Administration has announced plans to conduct a major study of the extent of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and other readjustment problems among Vietnam Era veterans.

VA Administrator Harry N. Walters said the in-depth study will be the first of its kind to examine the post-war readjustment problems of Vietnam Era veterans—male and female—on a nationwide basis.

VA issued a request for proposal for the study from private contractors on Jan. 20, 1984.

Mandated by Congress under Public Law 98-160, the study will include veterans who served in the Vietnam theater and those who did not, as well as a comparison group of non-veterans.

The study will focus on veterans who have or have had readjustment problems and those who made the transition to civilian life with little or no difficulty.

Designed to provide data on the psychological and social aspects of Vietnam veterans' lives, the study will place particular attention on female veterans and service-connected disabled veterans. The VA also intends the study to develop data regarding post-war psychological problems among veterans from minority groups, veterans with physical disabilities, veterans with substance-abuse problems and veterans serving prison terms.

VA is required to submit to Congress a report on the findings of the study by Oct. 1, 1986. Study findings should assist VA in planning for the future needs of Vietnam Era veterans in the area of readjustment counseling. Data from the study also should promote an increased understanding of the nature of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

NFW

His Time Is Up

Joe: "I believe the end is near for me, and my days are drawing to a close."

Mary: "Why do you say that? You're only 32 and you're in perfect health."

Joe: "That doesn't matter. I bought one of those lifetime fountain pens, and it just broke."

—Quote

Freedom Flyers

Take to Air Again

By Capt. James W. Roberts, Jr.

On March 2, 1965, then 1st Lt. Hayden J. Lockhart, Jr., flying an F-100 aircraft assigned to the 613th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Clark Air Base, Philippines, became the first Air Force pilot to be shot down over North Vietnam.

More than a decade later, including nearly eight years in captivity, he was returned to active flying status through a unique program, the pilot requalification phase of Operation Homecoming. This story of the former prisoners of war is a tribute to the personal courage and perseverance of the flyers themselves and the dedication of the instructor pilots of the 560th Flying Training Squadron (FTS) at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

With the release of the POWs in February, 1973, the Air Force was faced with the task of requalifying the returning aviators. Randolph was a logical choice for the retraining program. The West Point of the Air, as it has been known, Randolph is the home of the Air Force's Pilot Instructor Training School, and its 12th Flying Training Wing (FTW) proved to be the ideal host for the program.

In the foreword to "Home with Honor," a yearbook dedicated to Operation Homecoming, Col. John P. Rollston, then commander of the 12th FTW, touched on the significance of this operation:

"I remind you that a major requalification program for repatriated pilots is a historical first. For lack of motivation or numbers or whatever reason,

we did it neither after World War II nor Korea. So it fell to the fortunate lot of the 12th Wing at Randolph to be the first to retrain some 150 pilots, many of whom had been imprisoned for more than seven years. This program is about men who loved their country...their families...freedom under God...so much that even under the threat of death they would not disavow these beliefs to buy their personal liberty. It's about men who love airplanes and the freedom of the skies. It's about men with competitive spirit who love a contest, while respecting professionalism."

Though unprecedented in scope and complexity, the pilot requalification program succeeded from 1973 to 1977 in requalifying some 150 of the approximately 235 Air Force pilots who returned. Among those who were not requalified, some were disabled, others had left the service and still others had reached retirement.

The men called upon to retrain the Freedom Flyers, as they were known, were the T-38 instructor pilots of the 560th FTS. All seasoned flyers with two to three years of advanced jet instructor experience in undergraduate pilot training, these men were charged with passing on their knowledge and experience to the Air Force's future instructor pilots. Now they had an even more rewarding duty—to help their fellow aviators, the former POWs—return to the air.

For most of the Freedom Flyers, their last cockpit memories were not pleasant ones: a moment's warning, perhaps none, followed by a thud, a rumble, a lurch in the aircraft. There was the ominous news on the instrument panel as caution and warning

lights lit up like a Christmas tree—"fire," "hydraulics," "generator," "overheat." Then the sudden certain knowledge that they were about to leave the cramped but familiar confines of aluminum, titanium and plexiglass for an unknown world of rice paddies, ox-carts and possibly the solitary cells of the Hanoi Hilton.

Now these memories were behind them and ahead was a pilot's dream—the snow white supersonic T-38 aircraft and the clear blue skies of Southwest Texas.

Dusting off the mental cobwebs wasn't an easy job, but it was a matter of pride to the Freedom Flyers, and a labor of love for their instructors. After seemingly endless hours of study and instruction on aircraft systems and flight procedures, the first of the Freedom Flyers, became airborne May 21, 1973.

Taking to the South Texas skies with their specially assigned Freedom call signs, the returning pilots eagerly tackled the retraining task, basking in the exhilaration of aerobatics and sweating out hours of hooded instrument flying. Of all their flights at Randolph, it is unlikely that any will be as fondly remembered as the Champagne Flight.

The returning pilot's first flight in the T-38 was designed to duplicate what each returnee's last flight in Southeast Asia should have been. Traditionally, each pilot completing his 100th mission or end of tour was greeted on the flight line by his comrades. To celebrate a safe landing, a bottle of champagne was shared to commemorate the occasion.

In keeping with this tradition, the 560th gave each returnee his Cham-



The Freedom Flyers wore this patch to symbolize the spirit of Operation Homecoming, the blue of the sky, the Stars and Stripes unfurled, a missing man formation reunited with number three and the words spoken by an ex-prisoner of war stepping from a freedom-bound C-141, "God bless America." (U.S. Air Force photo)

pagne Flight, celebrating that long-awaited safe landing, a return to loved ones and a return to duty.

All told, the Freedom Flyers amassed more than 6,000 flying hours during the period ending shortly after the flight of "Freedom 158" on Dec. 2, 1977. Though the requalification program ended in 1977, it and Operation Homecoming are still remembered and celebrated each year at the 560th FTS dining-in.

A traditional formal military dinner, the 560th dining-in is the occasion for an annual reunion of former POWs. The Freedom Flyers meet with current members of the 560th to join in the



Lt. Col. Hayden J. Lockhart, Jr., the first Air Force pilot shot down over North Vietnam, relaxes following his Champagne Flight. Capt. John Myer, 560th Flying Training Squadron, was Col. Lockhart's instructor pilot. (U.S. Air Force photo)

evening of fellowship and hear guest speakers who in the past have included Sen. Barry Goldwater, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and President Ronald Reagan, when he was governor of California. The 1982 dining-in was presided over by the commander of the 560th FTS, Lt. Col. Leon F. Ellis Jr., himself a POW from 1967 to 1973.

Where are the Freedom Flyers to-



Lt. Col. Leon F. Ellis, Jr., an ex-prisoner of war and former commander of the 560th Flying Training Squadron, speaks to the squadron members and former POWs at a recent dining-in. (U.S. Air Force photo)

day? Many are retired after careers of outstanding service. Others are in posts of high authority at major command or Pentagon level. Still others are in command of their own flying squadrons.

One of these men, Lt. Col. Thomas M. McNish, is representative of the breed. Shot down in an F-105 aircraft Sept. 4, 1966, Col. McNish left the cockpit after his freedom flight and went to medical school.

After serving as a flight surgeon, he departed for Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., home of the Tactical Air Command's fighter lead-in training school.

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Naming Hospital For Van Zandt Fulfills Mandate

Naming the Altoona, Pa., VA Medical Center for Past Commander-in-Chief James E. Van Zandt (Washington Wire, Legislative) fulfills VFW Resolution 625 adopted at the 84th National Convention.

Noting Van Zandt's three terms as Commander-in-Chief, Resolution 625 cited his 22 years of service in the House of Representatives from Altoona, his membership on the House Armed Services Committee, the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, the Corregidor Bataan Memorial Commission, the House Veterans Affairs, Immigration and Naturalization, the Naval Affairs, the Patents and the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committees.

The resolution also noted he is a retired rear admiral in the Naval Reserve and served in World War I, World War II and Korea.

"Mr. Van Zandt has dedicated over 65 years of his life to the betterment of our nation and its deserving veterans," the resolution said. "Mr. Van Zandt's accomplishments will long be remembered by fellow veterans and dependents who benefited so much from his vigorous outstanding performance." He is secretary to the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation.

The bill calling for the naming of the Altoona hospital for him was introduced by Rep. Bob Edgar (Pa.), a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, and signed into law recently by President Reagan after its passage. Sixty co-sponsors joined in introducing the bill with Rep. Edgar.

Van Zandt is the second VFW Past Commander-in-Chief to have a VA medical center named in his honor. The first was Richard L. Roudebush, also a former House member and a onetime VA Administrator.

Dedication ceremonies are planned for the Altoona hospital later in the year, but no date has been set for them yet.

Crude, But It Works

A bus driver in a large city got disgusted with his requests for passengers to move to the rear. So one day he put up a sign reading: "Bus riders with clean underwear move to the rear of the bus. All others come up front with the driver."

Air Force Forges Ahead

**By Edward C. Aldridge, Jr.
Air Force Undersecretary**

In the past 30 months, the Air Force has initiated programs that will increase by 25% our capability to move men and equipment overseas. We have started programs that will even double that capacity by the end of this decade—a truly remarkable accomplishment.

This increased airlift capacity is especially important because in almost all crisis situations, the urgent early demands to move forces and equipment must be met entirely by airlift. Sufficient airlift will most likely mean the difference between a victory or defeat since the early days of a conflict are the most decisive. This was demonstrated convincingly by the recent action in Grenada.

Our first new airlift acquisition in 10 years is now under way with the programmed procurement of 40 C-5Bs and 44 KC-10s. The C-5 is the only aircraft able to carry both oversize and outside equipment. It is a vital part of our airlift since much of the cargo necessary to Army ground operations falls in these categories. The KC-10 is a vitally needed improvement since it is a combination military tanker and cargo aircraft that can carry people and equipment while refueling other aircraft along the way.

We also have a program to increase the cargo capability of the Civil Reserve Air Fleet (CRAF). The CRAF Enhancement Program adds cargo features to existing civil passenger aircraft so they can provide more of the cargo airlift we need during a major deployment. Nineteen Boeing 747s will be retrofitted by 1988.

Since much airlift is required not only from the United States to overseas locations, but also within a theater

of operations, the Air Force is developing the C-17. It will be a long range, air-refuelable, all-weather, four-engine aircraft designed for the full spectrum of delivery methods including airdrop, low altitude parachute extraction and rapid combat offload. Scheduled to enter the inventory in the early 1990s, it will also be able to carry outside cargo.

Pursuant to President Reagan's new space policy set forth on July 4, 1982, the Air Force has moved out vigorously to take actions toward strengthening the United States role and leadership in space activities. This revitalization is demonstrated by a number of notable achievements. Most significantly, we established the only new major Air Force Command in two decades and the world's first Space Command to be ready for the inevitable transition to the advanced concepts and technology leading us into the 21st Century. Concurrently we initiated the Air Force Technology Center at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., to direct and focus our technology options.

To undergird our future direction and objectives in space, we prepared and promulgated the first formal Air Force military space doctrine and an Air Force space plan. There have been a recognition of and initial programs for ensuring the survivability of essential spacecraft and necessary ground elements during a conflict.

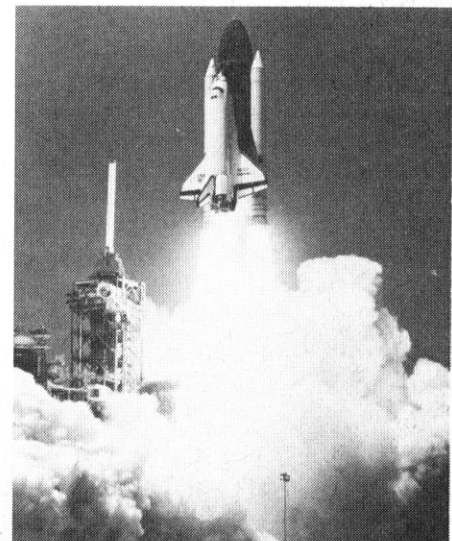
Construction of the Air Force's Spaceport for shuttle operations at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., is now on schedule for first launch in late 1985. In the meantime, Air Force launch teams at Vandenberg and the Kennedy Space Center over the past two and one-half years have launched 20 of 21 spacecraft without a hitch—a remarkable success rate for our booster fleet. We joined with NASA to

develop jointly a far more capable shuttle-compatible upper stage rocket propulsion system, the Centaur, which will triple the payload weight we can put in geosynchronous orbit.

To assist in the anticipated future growth in space assets, construction of the Consolidated Space Operations Center started in May, 1983, at Colorado Springs—our first major new military space operations facility in more than 10 years.

All these accomplishments are the results of leadership and hard work of skillful dedicated people. The Air Force is fortunate to have such people and the nation is in their debt for their continuing outstanding contributions.

As you all know from your own service experience, the best weapons in the world are of no use without good people to operate them. The people in the Air Force are indeed our strongest advantage. They are the foundation of our warfighting capability and give



The Space Shuttle offers the Air Force increased payload capabilities. A spaceport is under construction at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., so the first shuttle launch from there is scheduled for late next year.



This photo shows spaceport construction underway at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. (Air Force Photo)

operational excellence to all the systems I have just described. More than any other measure, the quality and skill of our people will likely determine the course of battle.

In the late 1970s, like all the services, the Air Force had trouble attracting and retaining qualified people. Public and Congressional pressures to reduce defense spending, competition from private industry and lagging pay raises that did not keep pace with private sector wage growth, all took their toll. Today, however, the Air Force is experiencing the best recruiting and retention rates in our history. A renewed sense of national pride, interest in the military's many opportunities for learning a skill and significant pay raises in 1980 and 1981 coupled with many positive initiatives within the Air Force to improve the airman's way of life all contributed to the success.

Here are just a few examples of how our personnel posture has improved:

In 1980, only 83% of our new recruits possessed high school diplomas. For 1983, the rate was 98%.

In 1979, we lost more than 1,800 pilots in the 6-11 year group. During FY 83, we lost fewer than one-fifth that number by voluntary separations.

First-term relistment in 1983 was approximately 66%, almost twice as high as the rate three years earlier.

The results of our accomplishments

in the people area is that we now have a more experienced, higher quality and better trained force needed to man our modern weapons than was the case just three years ago.

The Air Force has come a long way in the past three years. With strong support from public and Congress, we have the foundation for a long term program that will dramatically improve the security of the United States and its allies, thereby maintaining our lead-

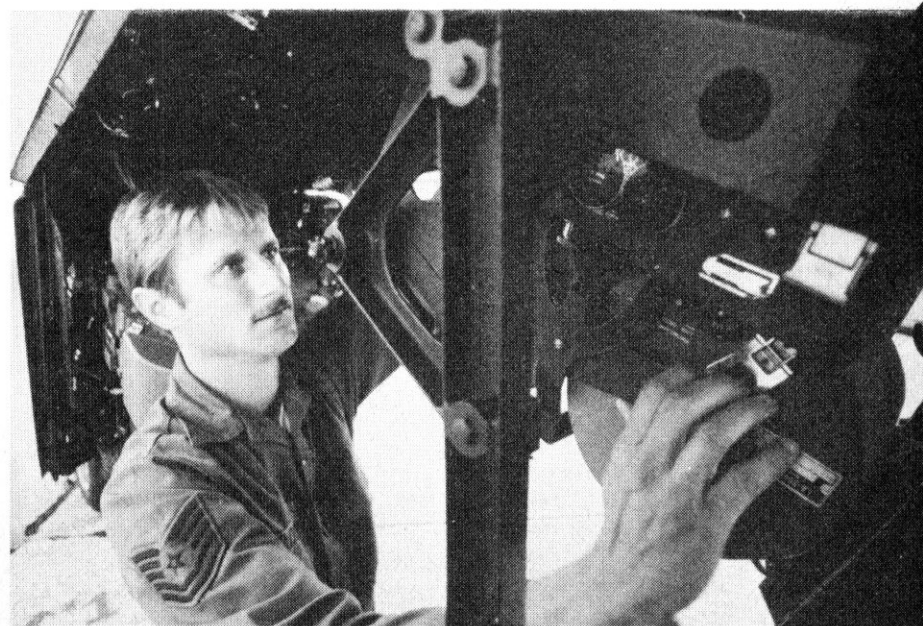
ing role as the bulwark of liberty and freedom. We have new, more capable weapon systems and the skilled people to operate them. We are making great strides in technology in all areas and improving our systems' accuracy, reliability and efficiency. We are also searching for ways to reduce costs, eliminate waste and make each defense dollar go farther and do more.

We can't become complacent with our success, however. The Air Force must continue the momentum we have initiated in modernization plans and quality of life improvements, the increases in fighter and airlift aircraft

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World's largest aircraft, the C-5 Galaxy can carry a variety of loads, ranging from helicopters to the Army's largest tank, the M-1. (Air Force Photo)



An Air Force technician reloads a reconnaissance film cartridge. Retention and recruiting are at an all-time high. (Air Force Photo)

Its Regiments Never Fought

But thousands of Americans learned their military trade's basic principles at the Civilian Military Training Camps that flourished during the 1920s and 1930s. Many of them later used the skills they learned in battles in the Pacific and Europe.

**By Maj. Robert B. Wentworth,
USAF Ret.**

The training was excellent, according to today's retired military men, but now the CMTC exists only in memory. What was it like while it lasted?

The Citizens' Military Training Camps were administered by the Army primarily to train young men from 17 to 29 to become Reserve officers and non-commissioned officers. A secondary mission was to bring together young men of varied social backgrounds for training in citizenship. The camps flourished for 20 years from 1921 to 1941, offering 30-day training each summer at four levels—basic, red, white and blue—in either infantry, cavalry, field artillery, coast artillery or signal corps.

Applications far exceeded available spaces. In 1921 its 10 camps numbered 10,299 enrollees. The program peaked in 1928 when 52 camps accommodated 35,660. During the Depression enrollments varied with Congressional appropriations. In two or three lean years only about 16,500 were trained each year. But, on the whole, the program remained strong. In 20 years about 625,000 young men gained at least a season of CMTC.

The CMTC did not stress "preparedness now" as did the "Plattsburg camps" for businessmen just prior to World Wars I and II. Nor was it a "works progress" project like the CCC, a 1930's conservation venture with which it is frequently confused. Instead, the training of young officers extended, for the most part, over five peacetime years

regardless of prosperity or hard times — four months in camp plus a year devoted to correspondence courses, the 10 series, before commissioning. Quantitatively, the CMTC served best during the prosperous years. Qualitatively, it was probably in its prime all or most of the time.

Citizen camps were the vision of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, who established the first college camps in the summer of 1913 in co-operation with 18 college presidents. The first business and professional men's camps, the "Plattsburg idea," were held in 1915 and 1916 in several locations.

Graduates of the Plattsburg camps formed the Military Training Camps Association (MTCA) in 1916. This was a voluntary organization whose purpose was "encouragement of reasonable military training for the citizens of the United States." Desiring that their Plattsburg experience be passed on to a younger generation, they suggested the CMTC. Provisions for the new camps were included in the National Defense Act of 1920 and 10 CMTC camps were operational the next summer.

The MTCA launched a massive public relations campaign in support of CMTC. The association had 3,000 county chairmen nationwide who worked closely with business and community leaders. It frequently described the camps as partners of the home, the school and the church in building good citizenship.

Participation imposed no further military obligation, the chairmen pointed out. Discipline would always be firm but friendly. The worst possible

punishment: being sent home for good. Healthful outdoor living was assured. The campaign was successful. Strong support came from business, schools, the press, clergy and many parents.

Although, as enrollees, we were not, strictly speaking, in the Army, we did experience genuine Army life. Housed in tent camps, abandoned wartime barracks or modern brick dormitories, we were proud to live for a time the life of soldiers.

The cadre consisted of Army career officers, Reserve officers and career non-commissioned officers. The Reserves changed every two weeks.

The basic course emphasized infantry drill, discipline, marksmanship, personal responsibility and, to a lesser extent, sanitation and first aid. Almost 60% of the enrollees were basics; usually they had no previous military training.

The red course provided an opportunity, where facilities permitted, to train in one of the other arms. The emphasis was on the essentials of leadership. A red enrollee might hope to be a student corporal. About 20% of the enrollees were in the red course.

The white, or third year, stressed qualifying as a non-commissioned officer capable of training and leading recruits. Upon successful completion of this course, the candidate qualified to be a non-commissioned officer in the Enlisted Reserve Corps. About 15% trained in the white course.

Those who advanced as far as the blue course—about 5%—were given extensive leadership training; they acted as junior commissioned officers. Graduates could complete the 10 ser-

ies of correspondence courses in about a year, then appear before a board and, if the board approved, become a second lieutenant in the Reserves. High school graduation was generally required as the minimum educational level.

In general, a student began with the basic course and, in due time, completed the blue if he had the interest, the talent and the stamina to do it. Although many had enough in the basic course, they were replaced by hundreds of new applicants. Prior military training—high school ROTC, for example—might admit one directly into the red course. Other waivers might be granted as appropriate.

In between First Call at 5:40 a.m. and Call to Quarters at 9:45 p.m., we devoted many hours to close order drill—usually all morning, at least in an infantry camp. The manual wasn't so simple in those days. It took these commands to start a parade: "Column of squads, leading platoon, right company, right by squads, forward, squads right, march."

In the afternoon, perhaps more drill, care of equipment, getting ready for parade and the retreat parade itself. There were also classroom sessions devoted to such diverse subjects as interior guard duty, map reading and sex education.

In the parade six times a week, we showed our skills. Proudly we marched behind an Army band to the applause of the visiting citizenry and distinguished guests. Sometime during the

month we could expect—on different days—at least an inspecting general, a mayor or two, a governor, a representative or a senator.

Some camps had parades beyond the usual call of duty. For example, an extra parade in one of the state's leading cities—right down the main street. Then there were church parades in the city. A group from each major faith group might have one on a different day.

Some camps scheduled compulsory athletics in the afternoon. In other camps, especially if facilities were limit-

ed, participation was voluntary.

And there were rare days when the schedule varied drastically. For example, a day on the firing range when we could at least become marksmen if not sharpshooters or experts. Likewise unforgettable was the long hike and sleeping on the ground under shelter halves.

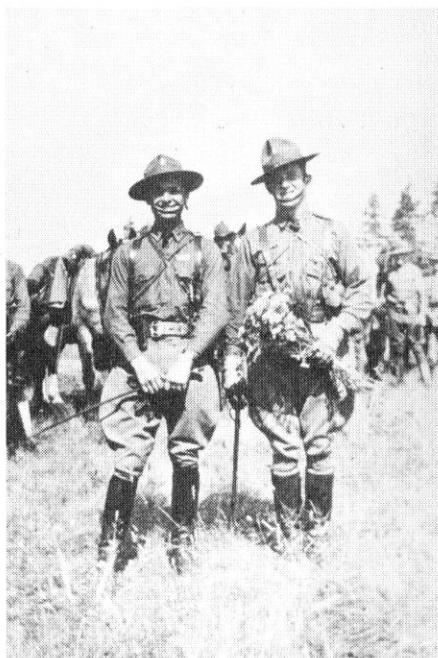
A 24-hour tour of guard duty may lack the color of passing in review, but it has its dramatic moments. You are stationed at a remote post deep in the woods but close to the seashore. It is long past midnight. A thick fog is rolling in. The fog horn sounds mournfully. A sinister, shadowy figure is approaching. You shout, "Halt! Who is there?" (It was the sergeant!)

In short, CMTC training was rough, but we liked it. For some, it was the first long journey away from home—usually a train trip, perhaps also a boat ride to an island post. We were, in many cases, working harder and assuming more responsibility than was our custom. All this without pay! (But some of us earned trophies for being best basic, best red, best white or best blue.)

Opportunities for recreation were modest but appropriate. You could see a different movie every night. Some camps had a stunt night or other amateur entertainment. A big dance would be extremely popular. Band concerts drew appreciative audiences. Once, as the band played a Victor Herbert medley, the bugler interrupted to sound "Fire Call." A storage building had burst into flames, threatening our wooden barracks.

In the larger camps the extra-curricular activities were much like those of a school or college. Camp newspaper-

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These two sport cavalry breeches for their CMTC session (above).

A truck provides shade for this CMTC trainee (left).

This CMTC installation becomes a tent city for training (below).



'Life Is Always Uncertain'

When the Continental Congress appointed George Washington commander of the Continental Army as a compromise between Virginia and Massachusetts on June 15, 1775, historians agree the rebellious colonies chose probably the best qualified man in North America for the job. From the standpoint of military skill, familiarity with the country, proven qualities of leadership and knowledge of King George's army, he was without a rival. His rank was major general.

He took command of the Continental Army on July 3, 1775, on Cambridge Common after the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17, 1775, and set about training his army of mostly short-term militia and preparing to take Boston. The British evacuated the city on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1776, a tribute to Washington's success as a commander and his grasp of strategy. The "Mr. President" referred to in his brief speech was John Hancock.

After his death in 1799, his wife Martha is said to have shut herself in her room at Mount Vernon and spent her time sitting before the window of her room, which looked out on his tomb. Shortly before her death, she destroyed all her personal letters from her husband. The one reproduced here, with his speech accepting appointment as commander of the Continental Army, is one of the few that has survived. It was dated Philadelphia, June 18, 1775, three days after his appointment.

Washington Accepts Command

Mr. President: Though I am truly sensible of the high honor done me, in this appointment, yet I feel great distress, from a consciousness that my abilities and military experience may not be equal to the extensive and important trust. However, as the Congress desire it, I will enter upon the momentous duty, and exert every power I possess in their service, and for the support of the glorious cause. I beg they will accept my most cordial thanks for this distinguished testimony of their approbation.

But, lest some unlucky event should happen, unfavorable to my reputation, I beg it may be remembered by every gentleman in the room, that I, this day, declare with the utmost sincerity, I do not think myself equal to the command I am honored with.

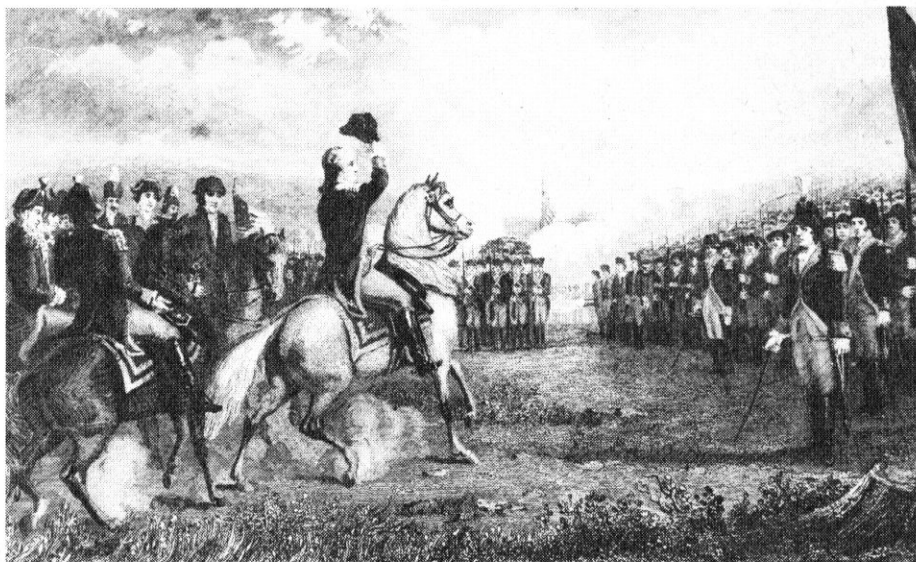
As to pay, Sir, I beg leave to assure the Congress, that, as no pecuniary consideration could have tempted me to accept this arduous employment, at the expense of my domestic ease and happiness, I do not wish to make any profit from it. I will keep an exact account of my expenses. Those, I doubt not, they will discharge, and that is all I desire.

Bids Farewell to Martha

My Dearest: I am now set down to write to you on a subject, which fills me with inexpressible concern, and this concern is greatly aggravated and increased, when I reflect upon the uneasiness I know it will give you. It has been determined in Congress, that

the whole army raised for the defense of the American cause shall be put under my care, and that it is necessary for me to proceed immediately to Boston to take upon me the command of it.

You may believe me, my dear Patsy, when I assure you, in the most solemn manner; that, so far from seeking this appointment, I have used every endeavor in my power to avoid it, not only from my unwillingness to part



George Washington takes command of the Continental Army on Cambridge Common. The troops appear in this picture to be a lot sharper than contemporary accounts indicate. Appointed commander by the Continental Congress on June 15, 1775, he did not join the troops at Cambridge, Mass., until July 3, 1775. (National Archives.)

with you and the family, but from a consciousness of its being a trust too great for my capacity, and that I should enjoy more real happiness in one month with you at home, than I have the most distant prospect of finding abroad, if my stay were to be seven times seven years. But as it has been a kind of destiny, that has thrown me upon this service, I shall hope that my undertaking it is designed to answer some good purpose. You might, and I suppose did perceive, from the tenor of my letters, that I was apprehensive I could not avoid this appointment, as I did not pretend to intimate when I should return. That was the case. It was utterly out of my power to refuse this appointment, without exposing my character to such censures, as would have reflected dishonor upon myself, and given pain to my friends. This, I am sure, could not, and ought not, to be pleasing to you, and must have lessened me considerably in my own esteem. I shall rely, therefore, confidently on that Providence, which has heretofore preserved and been bountiful to me, not doubting but that I shall return safe to you in the fall. I shall feel no pain from the toil or the danger of the campaign; my unhappiness will flow from the uneasiness I know you will feel from being left alone. I therefore beg, that you will summon your whole fortitude, and pass your time as agreeably as possible. Nothing will give me so much sincere satisfaction as to hear this, and to hear it from your own pen. My earnest and ardent desire is, that you would pursue any plan that is most likely to produce content, and a tolerable degree of tranquillity; as it must add greatly to my uneasy feelings to hear, that you are dissatisfied or complaining at what I really could not avoid.

As life is always uncertain, and common prudence dictates to every man the necessity of settling his temporal concerns, while it is in his power, and while the mind is calm and undisturbed, I have, since I came to this place (for I had not time to do it before I left home) got Colonel Pendleton to draft a will for me, by the directions I gave him, which will I now enclose.

I shall add nothing more, as I have several letters to write, but to desire that you will remember me to your friends, and to assure you that I am, with the most unfeigned regard, my dear Patsy, your affectionate, &c. **NFW**

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Lincoln Land Calls VFW

The Land of Lincoln, the familiar slogan on Illinois license plates, is beckoning members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to the 85th National Convention of the organization in Chicago from Aug. 17 to 24.

(By using the attached coupon, you can get started early in planning to attend the 85th National Convention. Early registration means a savings of \$2 on the \$8 fee. Remember, too, that each Post is required to register at least one delegate to the National Convention.)

Delegates and their families can see a lot of Lincoln memorabilia in Illinois on their way to Chicago or on their return home if they want to spend an extra day or so exploring some of the locations that were important in Lincoln's life, even though he was born in Kentucky Feb. 12, 1809, and lived in Indiana for 14 years.

First, of course, is Springfield, the state's capital, where Lincoln spent so many years, but never returned to the city alive after his election as President in 1860.

A major attraction in Springfield at Eighth and Jackson is his home, a comfortable, two story frame house and the only one he ever owned. He bought it for \$1,500. The Lincoln Home Visitors Center at 426 South Seventh is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. dur-

ing the summer. An orientation film and slide program are presented to explain his years in Springfield. A tour of the home's neighborhood provide an insight into the development of Lincoln's personal and political life. It is a National Historic Site.

Several other Lincoln attractions are tourist meccas.

The A. Lincoln Wax Museum, 400 South Ninth, has recreated scenes from Lincoln's youth, his days in New Salem, Ill., his early political career and his assassination.

From the Great Western Railroad Station, now called the Lincoln Depot, on Monroe between Ninth and Tenth, he left Springfield for his inauguration in Washington, bidding farewell to his friends and well-wishers. There is a restored waiting room, exhibit areas and a multi-media presentation.

At Seventh and Capitol, the Lincoln family pew has been maintained at the First Presbyterian Church.

Lincoln's law office at Sixth and Adams shows what it was like to be a lawyer in the 1840s and 1850s. Of course, his tomb, a state historic site, at Oak Ridge Cemetery attracts countless visitors.

The restored Old State Capitol, dating from 1837, is closely associated with Lincoln. In its Hall of Representatives, he delivered his famous "House

Divided" speech and in the Governor's Office he worked as President-elect. The Illinois State Historical Library in the Old State Capitol contains the greatest collection of pre-Presidential Lincoln documents outside the Library of Congress. One of the five copies of his Gettysburg Address written in his own hand is displayed in the lobby.

The Long Nine Museum, Fifth and Adams, is dedicated to the nine lanky men who worked successfully to move the capital from Vandalia to Springfield. Of course, Lincoln was one of them. The Springfield Marine Bank, oldest in the state, where Lincoln kept his money, displays his account.

Twenty miles northwest of Springfield near Petersburg on Rte. 97 is Lincoln's New Salem State Park. It is a reconstruction of the village where Lincoln spent his early years.

Springfield has numerous other attractions related to the Civil War President and information relating to them may be obtained from the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, 624 East Adams, Springfield, Ill. 62701.

During the first weekend in August, a three-day reenactment of the only election Lincoln lost by a direct vote of the people is scheduled at the New Salem State Park.

Decatur, Ill., is the site of reminders

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of Lincoln, as are several other Central Illinois cities.

For example, Lincoln Square on Main Street in downtown Decatur recalls the fact that the Lincoln family settled first in Illinois in Decatur after moving from Indiana. On Lincoln Square he made his first political speech and years later Illinois Republicans endorsed him for President in 1860 at their state convention. The Lincoln Log Cabin Courthouse in Fairview Park is a faithful reproduction of the building where Lincoln won his first big case in 1838. Opposing him was Stephen A. Douglas, with whom he often clashed. The last time was in the 1860 election.

Also in Decatur is the Richard J. Oglesby Mansion at 421 Williams. It was the home of Lincoln's campaign promoter who invented the term "Railsplitter" for Lincoln. Near Decatur is Lincoln Trail Homestead State Park, site of the family's 1830 home and land Lincoln cleared. Near Decatur also is the Boiling Springs Cemetery where his cousin John Hanks is buried. Hanks helped orchestrate Lincoln's presidential nomination in Chicago.

In Lincoln, only town and college named for him with his consent, is the Postville Courthouse where Lincoln practiced law. He is said to have christened the town with watermelon juice. Another site there is a tavern where a plot to steal his corpse was hatched.

The 1843 Miller-Davis Building in Bloomington is the site of the law offices of Lincoln's friend, David Davis.

Connected with the famous Lincoln-Douglas debates is the Bryant Cottage in Bement where they worked out the debates' details. At Shelbyville is the Shiloh Cemetery where Thomas and Sarah Lincoln are buried and at the Oakland Cemetery is the grave of Ann Rutledge. At Lerna is a replica of the cabin where his parents spent their last years.

For VFW members, Lincoln holds a special place of prominence—not only for preserving the Union—but for the concluding words of the Second Inaugural Address, which have become a part of the VFW's credo:

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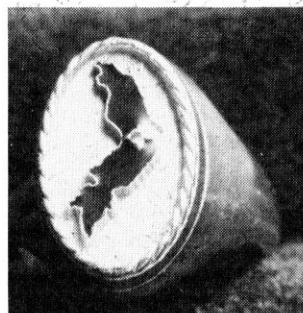
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The Statue Lincoln Wanted

By John Kerwood

One recent morning I started on an unusual journey from the basement of our nation's Capitol. It was a journey forbidden to the public. Permission for the trip was gained only after much pleading with Capitol officials. Now, accompanied by a member of the Capitol police, I rode the elevator to the third floor of the building to visit a spot that had been closed to the general public for several years, the base of the Statue of Freedom.

This 19½-foot, 14,985-pound figure is poised atop the massive dome of the Capitol. It was placed there mainly because Abraham Lincoln pushed for its completion despite the Civil War then raging. He felt that the inspiring statue would help to assure the people who viewed it that all the bloodshed had not been in vain.

From the third floor of the Capitol, we proceeded up an iron stairway that appeared to grow narrower and steeper at each step of our climb. The stairway was bordered on the outside by a railing. Long unused rest platforms had also been strategically located along the way.

At one point in our climb, it was possible to look directly down on the inner dome. A view of the Capitol dome from any angle is amazing, close up it is spectacular. Many people do not realize it, but the Capitol dome is one of the largest in the world, ranking only behind that of St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome and St. Paul's Cathedral in London. Its size can be appreciated more when one learns that it weighs almost 9 million pounds and towers just over 287 feet.

The dome has been through many changes. Originally, it was of wood covered with copper. The newest replacement begun in 1855 is the creation of Thomas U. Walter. It was constructed of wrought-iron.

We continued our climb and just before reaching the statue's base there was a sign which read: "No Person Permitted Above This Platform Under Any Circumstances." Continuing through an iron gate, we climbed the remaining 20 steps into the tiny cubicle or tholus beneath the bronze statue. The view that greeted my eyes

was breathtaking. Policemen far below appeared to be about a quarter inch tall. Cars searching for parking spots were little more than an inch long.

The Washington Monument, directly west of us, was the only structure that even approached our height. To the south, only the \$81 million Rayburn House Office Building refused to be dwarfed by the Capitol.

Right above my head stood the Statue of Freedom, the bronze figure of a woman clad in flowing draperies, her head covered with a star-encircled helmet crowned with eagle feathers and her youthful face reflecting dignity and tranquil beauty.

Because of Lincoln's insistence, the pieces of the statue were being carefully lifted through the air and bolted into place as the horrible, bloody Civil War continued. Finally, at noon on Dec. 2, 1863, the giant head of Freedom, the last of five sections, was hoisted into place atop the gleaming shoulders and fastened securely.

A cheer went up from the large crowd as the task was completed and the Capitol Hill field battery boomed out a 35-gun salute, one for each state, both North and South. Other forts around the city fired answering 35-gun salutes.

For 120 years, the statue has stood guard above the sprawling city. Scores of times she has been struck by lightning but has remained intact. During WWII the statue was dark. When peace finally came, crowds gathered to see the lights on it one more. Americans seem to look up and gain courage and confidence from this inspiring symbol which defies the elements and, facing east, greets each new dawn season after season.

According to the claims of early historians, there are supposed to be 13 columns, representing the 13 original states, supporting the pedestal on which the huge figure rests, but glancing about, I was surprised to find only 12.

As I stood at that great height I felt privileged to have been one who was allowed to make the climb. Also I felt immensely sorry for those who would never again have a chance to do likewise. Some lucky tourists had once been to the same vantage point, but in 1940 the government declared the area to be unsafe.

I tried to get a lasting impression of everything I viewed for I'd undoubtedly never be able to wangle another visit. I watched the broad current of

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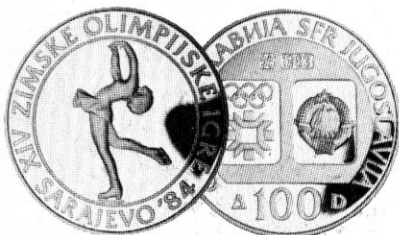
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According to an official of the Winter Olympic Coin Program, only 110,000 of these valuable coins will ever be minted. "That makes it scarce before it's minted" the official added.

Total Coins Worldwide — 110,000

Most modern coins are minted in the tens of millions. Collectors seek them out nonetheless.

"Figure Skating," as an official coin of Yugoslavia, soon may be hard to get — not only in the issuing country but elsewhere. "The 110,000 total is for the whole world," the coin program spokesperson pointed out. "More than half the coins have been reserved for Yugoslavia and the rest of Europe. That means the U.S. allocation is relatively small."

IMPORTANT: Demand is expected to intensify during and after the games, scheduled for February 7-19, 1984. "I suggest interested collectors get their reservations in early," said the spokesperson.

In fairness to American collectors and Olympic sports enthusiasts alike, a strict limit of five (5) silver coins has been established for this special U.S. release.

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the Potomac, gazed over at the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials and marveled at the many other impressive natural and man-made sights.

Unfortunately, the time soon came when we had to start our return trip. We descended 390 steps leading downward from the Statue, through the Rotunda and out of the street.

Looking upward once more, I could only marvel at the ingenuity of Thomas U. Walter and the men who labored to construct such a masterpiece as our present Capitol dome and at the brilliance of American sculptor Thomas Crawford who created the Statue of Freedom.

Between them they erected a monumental structure of great dignity that leaves a lasting impression on all who view it.

Of the work on the Capitol Dome and its crowning statue, Lincoln reportedly said:

"If the people see the Capitol going on, it is a sign we intend the Union to go on."

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A Hero's Legacy

By Martin Middlebrook

By March, 1944, Britain had fought nearly five years in a desperate defensive position, but now, with the Normandy invasion only nine weeks away, the tide was clearly turning in favor of the Allies.

Royal Air Force and 8th Air Force bomber squadrons had been the Allies' only weapon to hit back at the enemy with. Whenever the weather permitted, the bombers had flown by night to attack German industrial targets. Their crews of young volunteer airmen from all parts of the world knew that mathematically the odds were against them even returning from their first 'tour' of 30 missions.

So it was no wonder that most lived a furious, devil-may-care life while they could. Religion seemed inappropriate and illogical amidst the death and destruction they caused to others and suffered themselves.

That is the popular conception of bomber crews, but there were those who did not conform to this pattern.

One was Pilot Officer Cyril Barton, a 22-year-old pilot and captain of a Halifax bomber of the 578th Squadron stationed at Burn near Selby, Yorkshire.

Barton was exceptional, a member of the Church of England who had embraced active Christianity with a fervor rarely seen in young men of his generation. Energetic in the work of St. John's Parish at New Malden on the outskirts of London, he was prepared to speak publicly for his faith and to work actively to attract other young people to it.

During the London "Blitz" in 1940 and 1941, he was an apprentice draftsman in an aircraft plant, but he joined the RAF to avenge the wanton destruction of his city. After training in the United States, he started operational flying in July, 1943.

The next winter was a hard one for Bomber Command. Over 1,000 bombers and their crews were lost in five months. Seventeen times PO Barton flew to Germany. By the end of March, 1944, his crew had exceeded the average life expectation of bomber crews but they still had 13 more operations ahead of them before they could rest.

Barton admitted he began doubting his faith but felt God had always brought him back to full belief. Despite

Soldier Killed in Grenada Honored by Post

When one of the 18 American soldiers killed in the Grenada operation was buried in his hometown of Guntersville, Ala., members of Post 5173 and Auxiliary were there to pay tribute to a comrade.

He was S/Sgt. Gary Lynn Epps, 29, a paratrooper squad leader in the 82nd Airborne Division cut down as he deployed at the airport runway when Cuban armored cars opened fire and machine guns blazed from Cuban barracks on the airfield's outskirts.

Sgt. Epps was buried in Rehobeth

Cemetery in Guntersville next to the grave of his and his widow's 2-day-old infant who died in 1974.

He joined the Army in 1978, a year after he was discharged from the Marine Corps and had completed a four-year hitch.

In addition to the VFW participation, soldiers from Ft. McClellan fired a 21-gun salute, Sgt. Leonard Brown, also of Ft. McClellan played "Taps" and Brig. Gen. William Jackson, of the Alabama National Guard, represented Gov. George C. Wallace.



The flag-draped casket bearing the remains of S/Sgt. Gary Lynn Epps is carried by soldiers and a Marine as members of Post 5173 in the background salute. He was one of the 18 Americans killed in Grenada.



Paying tribute to a comrade, S/Sgt. Gary Lynn Epps, killed in Grenada, are officers of Post 5173 and its Auxiliary, Guntersville, Ala.

the intense strain, he did not cease his self-imposed ministry. Often he would round up some of his fellow crew members and take them to a nearby church where his preaching made a great impression.

Just after 10 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 1944, PO Barton took off in his Halifax Excalibur for Nuremburg with a load of 588 incendiary bombs. The flight called for a series of dog-leg courses to confuse the Germans. It also called for the Halifax to fly 1,500 miles. Barton expected to be in the air about eight hours, two-thirds of this time over enemy territory. It was a moonlight night, one when the RAF normally avoided Germany. It was hoped that clouds would protect the bombers from German fighters.



RAF Pilot Officer Cyril Barton

All went well until just after midnight when the bombers crossed into Germany south of Aachen. Clouds had not materialized and even worse the bombers had started to leave condensation trails. Their route was clearly visible in the bright moonlight. Over 200 German night fighters were in the bombers' path. In two hours 96 British bombers were downed. This was the RAF's heaviest loss in the war.

Barton's plane was 70 miles from Nuremburg when it was attacked by two German fighters. The aircraft's gun turrets were out of action, one engine had failed, the radio damaged, the intercom blown out and two gas tanks were leaking.

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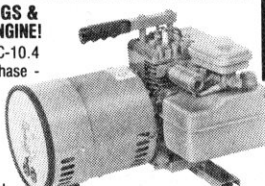
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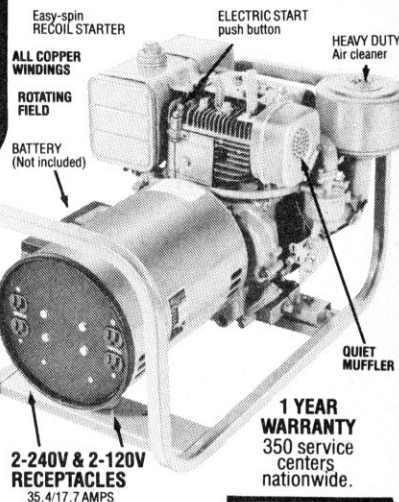
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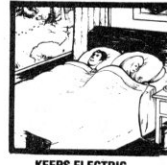
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interpreted the emergency communications system and bailed out. Barton was without a bomb-aimer, navigator or wireless operator.

"Press on Regardless" was always the rule but, in these circumstances, many pilots undoubtedly would have jettisoned their bombs and turned back.

Barton continued to fly his bomber to the target. Over the approximate center of Nuremburg he released his incendiaries and turned for home. The Halifax flew steadily on its three engines against strong head winds and reached the North Sea without further trouble.

The crew didn't realize it but an unexpected wind carried the bomber north so the sea crossing took longer than expected. It was nearly 6 a.m. and partly light when the coast of County Durham appeared 90 miles north of the expected landfill.

At 1,500 feet all three remaining engines cut out at once. Too low to bail out, Barton ordered his depleted crew to take up crash positions.

Cyril Barton remained at the controls and attempted to land at Ryhope, a coalmining village on the coast just south of Sunderland. It is a hilly district with no level ground or large fields. The aircraft descended in a steep glide, heading towards four rows of terraced miners' cottages. Barton only partly succeeded in avoiding the homes and his bomber brushed the last house in one of the rows. This effort robbed his aircraft of its last gliding speed. It stalled, thudding on a hillside.

One wing caught a bridge over which miners crossed the railway line to the mine. One miner was fatally injured and another hurt. The three crew members who had been sheltering behind the main wing-spar were all badly shaken and sustained many injuries. Cyril Barton in his exposed position in the bomber's cockpit was killed instantly.

PO Barton was buried on Maundy Thursday in the cemetery at Kingston-upon-Thames. Three months later he was awarded a posthumous Victoria Cross, Britain's highest medal. The official citation said, "In gallantly completing his last mission in the face of almost impossible odds, this officer displayed unsurpassed courage and devotion to duty."

At his home in New Malden, a housing development and children's play area are named Barton Close, but he

should be remembered as much for his action and zealous faith as for his gallantry. Many airmen left letters which were to be sent to their families in the event of their death. The letter Cyril Barton wrote his mother is a remarkable tribute to the faith of a young man in that difficult period.

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Martin Middlebrook is a well-known historian of World War II's air combat.

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There, he is undergoing refresher training in fighter tactics. After Holloman, he'll go to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., he'll learn to fly the A-10 Thunderbolt close air support aircraft.

Following the course at Davis-Monthan, he will be stationed at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, S.C., where he will wear two hats—one as commander of a mobile hospital and another as a fighter pilot.

Although Operation Homecoming was officially ended in November, 1976, the spirit and enthusiasm displayed by the instructor pilots of the 560th is still visible each day as they train other pilots to become instructor pilots for the U.S. Air Force.

Capt. James W. Roberts, Jr., is an instructor pilot in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. He is a member of the 560th Flying Training Squadron.

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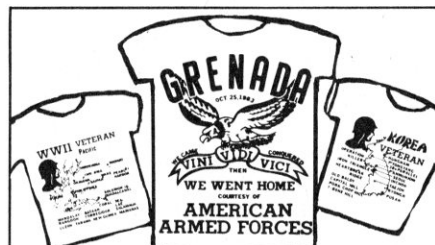
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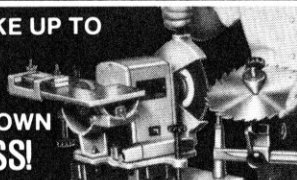
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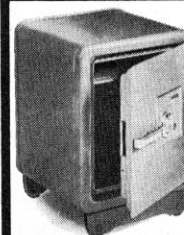
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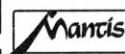
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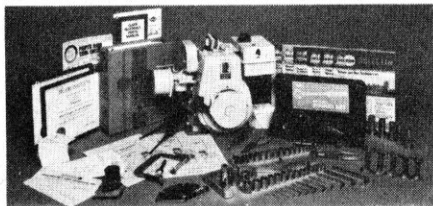
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Tour Normandy

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"This summer will be like a last hurrah because in another 10 years most World War II veterans will be too old to make such a trip," Jutras said.

Raymond Triboulet, chairman of the D-Day Commemoration Committee, recently explained anniversary plans to an audience at a dinner given by Commander Robert L. Whitbread, of Post 605 in Paris.

He said the program will begin on June 5 in Caen, the major city in the World War II British sector and site of the tomb of William the Conqueror, Queen Elizabeth's ancestor, who invaded England in 1066 and became king. On June 6 the official procession will visit Omaha Beach and the American Military Cemetery at St. Laurent-sur-Mer, Colleville, Vierville and Pointe du Hoc. A banquet is planned for Ste. Mere-Eglise. In the afternoon at Utah Beach, troops from the U.S., Canada, Britain, the Netherlands and Norway will take part in a parade and monument unveiling. Ceremonies also are planned for St. Lo.

"The people of Normandy feel gratitude for their liberation and time has not diminished this sentiment," Triboulet said. "It has even been strengthened because we are aware that our comfortable life is perhaps threatened and we might have to defend it again."

Children's Home

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designated time.

What's on your mind about the VFW National Home? Any other questions may be directed to Dr. Theodore H. Wilson III, the executive director, at the VFW National Home, Eaton Rapids, Mich. 48827.

Medals

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medals. The first are awarded for heroism or some outstanding achievement, while the second recognizes participation in a battle or time period or area. While most American decorations are in the form of a star or cross, campaign and service medals are disc-shaped. But they, along with a belief in God, U.S. citizenship and an honorable discharge, establish a veteran's eligibility for VFW membership. Decorations, in and of themselves, do not, although they take precedence over campaign and service medals.

Pearl Harbor

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reviewed the events of the Pearl Harbor attack and pledged that the VFW would work to make the United States so militarily strong that no would-be aggressor would ever attempt a repetition, whether conventional or nuclear.

Belzoni's Board of Aldermen proclaimed Dec. 7 a day on which to reflect on those who gave their lives during World War II and whose names are inscribed on the memorial. Mayor T.N. Turner, Jr., signed the proclamation.

"Americans will always recall with pride the deeds of valor and the patriotic service of their fellow countrymen who fought for the cause of freedom in World War II," the proclamation said. "We will forever remember with appreciative devotion those who made the ultimate sacrifice to secure the victory for this country and its allies."

Participants in the ceremonies included Post 4727 Quartermaster P.B. Simpson, W.L. Solomon, Jr., a leading Rotarian; the Rev. Joseph Thurman, Rep. Webb Franklin, Mayor Turner and Carl L. Allen, a prisoner of the Japanese during World War II. Solomon delivered the dedicatory address.

The Color Guard of Post 4727 lowered the Flag to half staff, and then proceeded to the memorial for the ceremonies. At the conclusion the firing party fired a salute. Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance and the playing of "Taps" concluded the event.



Sr. Vice Commander Arthur (Sonny) Triplett, of Mississippi; National Chief of Staff Raymond Brennan, Jr.; Commander James M. Underhill, of Post 2539, Gulfport, Miss., and Jr. Vice Commander Lee Childress, of Mississippi, pose at the Post-sponsored Pearl Harbor Day ceremony recognizing several survivors of the Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

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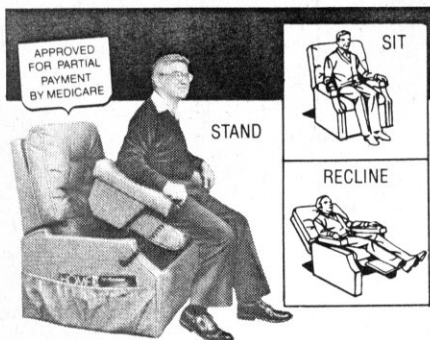
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In the Field

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them were Mayor Jerry Ozeretny, City Manager Ron Bourbeau, City Commissioner Buren Wilson, County Commissioner James Cravens, Lee McGough, director of the State Job Service veterans program, 11 major employers and some 80 veterans, 80% of them Vietnam veterans and half had not used their current GI Bill benefits. They said they did not know vocational training eligibility had been extended to Dec. 31, 1984.

Post 5917, Bolingbrook, Ill., presented a patient ECG simulator to the Bolingbrook Fire Department. Presentation was made by Commander James Yocum. Fire Chief Droogan accepted for the Fire Department.

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After 62 years of continuous VFW membership, Harry Gunderson, of **Post 3347**, Silver City, N.M., has been presented with a Life Membership in the Post on "Harry Gunderson Day." The occasion kicked off the Post's membership campaign. On hand for the presentation were Post Commander Clyde Birkla, Department Sr. Vice Commander Tony Grijalva, District 4 Commander Chon Bustamante and Past Department Commanders David T. Benavidez and Manny Evaro.

Noting the event, the Silver City Daily Press wrote:

Honors are not uncommon to Gunderson, a veteran of cavalry service on the Mexican border in 1916, and in France during World War I... since then has been active in... the VFW. In 1947, he sounded "Taps" at the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Na-



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Two Department Commanders are busy involving their states in VA hospital and Veterans Administration Voluntary Services work.

They are Indiana's Edward Hardesty and Illinois's Dwight Tanner.

Commander Hardesty recently toured the Marion, Ind., VA Medical Center where its director, A.G. Branch explained coming changes in the hospital complex and the continuing support needed from the VFW and similar organizations to insure the constant overseeing of veterans' care.

Among those touring with Commander Hardesty were Omar Whybrew, VFW VAVS representative, and Thomas Atkinson, an aide to Hardesty.

Commander Tanner so far has made at least 10 official visits to VA facilities in his Department, accompanied by Department Auxiliary President Patricia Hyatt. The Auxiliary has representatives assigned to 23 VA and non-VA hospitals in Illinois.

Their most recent tour was of Chicago's West Side VA Medical Center.

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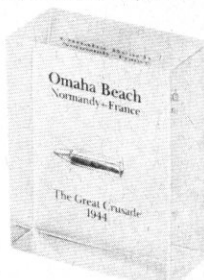
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"I plan to return to the 'The Wall' this coming March along with those who went last time. We will stand this vigil again and again until this issue is resolved. President Reagan addressed the National League of Families on Jan. 27, 1983, the 10th anniversary of the Paris Peace Accords. He said, 'Your vigil is over. Your government is attentive and the intelligence assets of the U.S. are fully focused on this issue.' Those of us involved in the vigil shall continue our efforts to keep this issue in the public eye until we know what has happened to our comrades."

Asked why he attended the vigil, Anton J. Verdegan replied:

"Firstly, I decided to go when asked by a Vietnam veteran, James Taggs, who explained the purpose of the vigil was to bring all the remaining prisoners back to their home in the good old U.S.A."

"Secondly, I have a son who stood a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was wounded pretty badly and spent a great deal of time at the Great Lakes Hospital to recover from his wounds. I was, and still am, very proud of him. Maybe someday I hope I can persuade him to visit Glendale Heights VFW Post 2377 to meet a great bunch of veterans."

"Personally, I enjoyed the trip very much and happened to go with some great veterans who thought a lot about their comrades, both the living and the dead."

Taggs, president of the Illinois Vigil Society, VFW District 19 POW/MIA Chairman and Senior Vice Commander of Post 2377 in Glendale Heights, explained the reasons for the vigil:

"... there are thousand of Illinois veterans who believe that the 2,500 still missing in action is uncalled for. Those of us who went to Washington last year are firmly committed to seeing this issue resolved and we will return March 3, 1984."

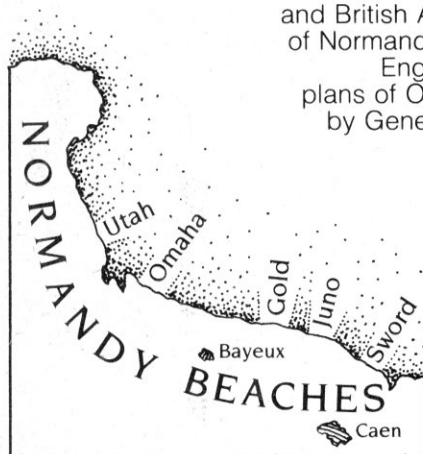
Taggs added that the 15 who took part in the Illinois delegation's effort share his views and add their thanks to Post 2377, the 19th District and Department Past Commander George R. Cramer for their support.

Dave Zien, Department of Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Director, who helped organize the vigil in Washington in which scores of Wisconsin and Minnesota veterans participated from Nov. 6 to 12 by standing guard at the

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In addition, during the Veterans Week a North Carolina group said prayers silently at the memorial.

Besides reminding the American people of the POW/MIA issue, vigil participants also collect signatures on petitions demanding an accounting of the missing and release of any prisoners still being held. The petitions each week are sent to the Vietnamese delegation to the United Nations.

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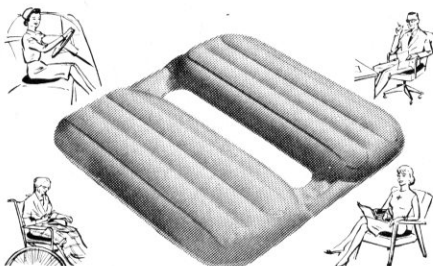
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4. Commanders on all levels are reminded that members who have not paid their dues for 1984 are not members in good standing and, therefore, cannot hold office until such time as their dues are paid for the current year.
5. The 85th National Convention, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, will be held in Chicago, Ill., Aug. 17-24, 1984.
6. The locations of the following Posts have been changed: Post 3798 from Arabi to New Orleans, La., and Post 10730 from Columbia to Fort Jackson, S.C.
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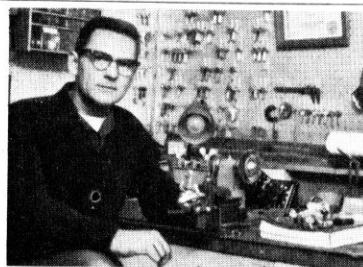
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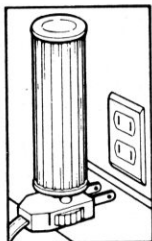
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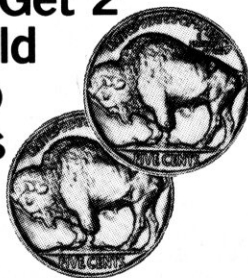
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USS Augusta (Algers, North Africa, April 1, 1944)—Seeking Lt. Art Fuller and anyone else who can verify I was hospitalized for a concussion, cut on left side of face and loss of hearing.—Leonard Sobczak, 3152 Vernon St., Duluth, Minn. 55806.

USS Vestal (1941-45)—Seeking Edward Chiles (Calif.)—Jack L. (Abe) Newman, 334 MacVicar, Topeka, Kans. 66606.

USS Pensacola (CA24) (1944)—Seeking anyone, esp. pharmacists mates, officers and cooks in 5th Div., who remember injuries I sustained.—Eugene K. Swanson, 223 New York, Alamogordo, N.M. 88310.

USS Bennington (CVA20) (1954)—Seeking anyone who can verify back injuries I received during removal of bodies of Marines following explosion below decks, esp. Chaplain Cunningham and Capt. Young.—Howard Hummel, 217 E. Clinton Ave., Bergenfield, N.J. 07621.

NOTICES

AIR FORCE

(Including Army air units prior to 1947)

326th Bomb. Sqdn., 92nd Bomb. Grp., Crew of Celento Lindo (England, 1944)—Lts. A.C. Matthews, B. Williams, Robson, others.—Albert Belski, 2633 N. Watkins, Apt. I, Memphis, Tenn. 38127.

92nd Air Svc. Sqdn. (WW II)—Melo Quintiliani, 96 Brackett St., Quincy, Mass. 02169.

51st Ftr. Wing (Tsuiiki AB, 1952)—Capt. Russell Sorenson (Iowa), Fred Crocker (Me.) and William Phillips (Ala.)—Tom Walker, 1746 Pattengill, Lansing, Mich. 48910.

35th or 315th SP Sqdns. (Phan Rang AFB, Vietnam, 1971-72) & 99th SP Sqdn. (Westover AFB, Mass.)—George de Randich, POB 1261, Lake Worth, Fla. 33460.

ALL BRANCHES

Co. 1503-CCC-SCS-1 (Moscow, Idaho, 1939-41)—Capt. William E. Heltzel, later with 27th FA.—William E. Randolph, 1467 Union St. S.W., Warren, Ohio 44485.

ARMY

179th Inf. Rgt.—Harlos V. Hatter, 3205 N.W. 52nd, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73112.

1st Cav. Div., 5th Rgt., 3rd Bn., Co. K (Korea, 1951)—Capt. Riemer, also HQ Co. Personnel.—John Van Ieperen, 108 7th St., Lynden, Wash. 98264.

198th CA Btry, D & 826th CA Btry, D (Southwest Pacific)—Planning reunion.—G.R. Whittaker, Stillwater Rd., Smithfield, R.I. 02917.

3465th Ord. MAM Co. (South Pacific)—Planning reunion.—Amos Feeler, 412 Prince Charles, O'Fallon, Mo. 63366.

966th Engr. Field Maint. Co. (Germany, 1950-53)—Milo J. Chean, 614 4th St. E., Montgomery, Minn. 56069.

9th Arm'd. Div. CIC Agents (Remagen, Ludendorff Bridge, Germany, March 1945)—George Berstler, Jr., 923 Oriental Ave., Collingswood, N.J. 08108.

2nd FA Obsn. Bn. (1943-45)—Winfred E. (Spike) Jones.—James J. Folks, 117 Valley Dr., Sante Fe, N.M. 87501.

507th Parachute Inf. Rgt. (1942-45)—Claude R. Sweetland.—William D. Stockard, 1120 Edgefield St., Columbia, S.C. 29201.

51st Med. Co. (AMB) (Qui Nhon, Vietnam)—John R. Draxler, POB 47, Hewitt, Wis. 54441.

126th FA Bn. (WW II)—Frank Green and Grady Green (Ala.)—Olin Neal, Rt. 1 Box 78, New Castle, Ind. 47362.

633rd AAA AW Bn. (Mbl) (ETO, Aug. 1944-May 1945)—Fred Witzgall, 4003 Old State Rt. 4, Fairborn, Ohio 45324.

COAST GUARD

Manhattan Beach Trng. Sta. (N.Y.) (Aug. 1942) & USS Catocin (1943)—Michael Pisarchik, c/o M.S. Riter, 102 North Blvd., Germantown, N.Y. 12526.

USS Cobb (WW II)—Planning reunion.—Wayne Evans, 23 Conway Dr., Middletown, Pa. 17057.

MARINES

USS Missouri (BB63) Marine Det. (1948-51)—Planning reunion.—B.H. Cain, Jr., 706 Old Bridge Rd., Brielle, N.J. 08730.

Peking (1936-38)—Ken Kauffman, 747 Florida Ave., York, Pa. 17404.

USS Asheville (1925-29)—John Kalka, 217 S. Main, POB 122, Agra, Okla. 74824.

2nd Marine Div., 6th Marines, 1st Bn. (WW II)—Planning reunion.—Norman P. Haber, 16178 Raygaert, Mt. Clemens, Mich. 48044.

1st Marine Div., 1st Marines, 1st Bn., A Co. (Korea, 1950-52)—Jerry Sweeney, Harry St. Clair, Eddie Kendjerski, others.—Dick Lancaster, 7840 Stanway Pl., Boca Raton, Fla. 33433.

3rd Marine Div., 3rd Bn., M Co. (Bourgainville, 1943)—Planning reunion.—PHM2/c Andrew A. Bernard, 38 Pleasantville St., Methuen, Mass. 01844.

NAVY

USS Pawnee (ATF74)—Le Roy E. Zahn, POB 576, Ellinwood, Kans. 67526.

USS Missouri Assn. (April 1944-Feb. 1955)—E.J. Celenano, 31 Apremont St., Adams, Mass. 01220.

USS Pine Island (AV12)—Planning reunion.—Frank Gorthy, Box 416, Ewart, Mich. 49631.
USS Jason (ARH1)—Planning commissioning anniversary.—Victor W. Dastick, 143 Sunnyside Lane, Bellmawr, N.J. 08031.
PATSU 4-1 (Attu, Aleutian Islands, WW II)—Planning reunion.—Howard (Salami) Solem, 213 W. Orange St., Duluth, Minn. 55811.
Fleet Air Photo Sqdn. One (VD-1), PB4Y-1 (Solomon Islands, WW II)—Albert C. Sisk, 43179 Newport Dr., Fremont, Calif. 94538.
USS Higbee (DD806)—Dennis Beaver, Keith L. Rupert, Fred Tapper, others; planning reunion.—David H. Wilson, 103 Park Cir., Sterling, Colo. 80751.
USS Salamonie (AO26)—CM 2/c Ralph F. Bennett, Maine Veterans Home, Rooms 19 & 20, Cony Rd., Augusta, Me. 04330.
USS Pinlon (AN66)—Planning reunion.—Howard C. Barnes, Box 1722, Estes Park, Colo. 80517.

Miscellaneous

9th Arty, B Btry. (Korea, March 11, 1951)—Seeking Lt. William, Pleva (Pa.), Sgt. Clarence Wise (Wis.), Cpl. Feril H. Jones (Ky.), others who served with my husband, M/Sgt. Norman L. Gleaton.—Dolores H. Gleaton, 182 Overmont Ave., West Paterson, N.J. 07424.

USS Vulcan (Subic Bay, 1945)—Seeking anyone who knew my father, Eugene Daugherty.—M.E. Daugherty, 48 Burchwood Rd., Windsor, Conn. 06095.

1st Inf. Div. (WW II)—Seeking S/Sgt. Edward Hickey, who served with my brother, Benedict E. Lattierelli.—Helen M. Lattierelli, 321 2nd Ave., Foley, Minn. 56329.

7th Inf. Div., 17th Inf. Rgt., 3rd Bn. (Yalu River Advance)—Seeking associates of my father, M/Sgt. D.E. Colley.—D.E. Colley, Jr., Box 185, APO N.Y. 09403.

38th Engr. Constr. Rgt. (Africa, WW II)—Seeking unit history.—Jerry Mooney, Apt. 19, 2200 Mayfair Way, Titusville, Fla. 32780.

B-26 Marauder—Seeking photo or any info about B-26 Marauder nose ball turret named Make Believe Ballroom.—Tom De Meis, 29 Ibsen Ave., Staten Island, N.Y. 10312.

Patches—Post looking for patches from all wars for display.—Richard Del Rossi, 67 Calthea St., Stoneham, Mass. 02180.

USS Knapp (DD653) World Cruise Book (1953-54)—Seeking book or info about where it can be obtained.—Francis Wickenheiser, 1109 Pleasure Rd., Lancaster, Pa. 17601.

Luedenscheid, Germany (Summer, 1945)—Seeking MP who befriended my mother, Anneliese Plate.—Evelyn Beilborn, Rollwiesweg, D-3550 Marburg, West Germany.

216th Med. Disp. Avn. & 55th Sig. Air Warning Bn. (ETO, WW II)—Seeking unit histories.—Carl L. Cramer, 1628 N. Killingsworth, Portland, Ore. 97217.

36th Div., 142nd Inf., Co. E (WW II)—Seeking unit history; also anyone who knew my brother, Paul B. Boyd, killed at Cassino, Italy, in Feb. 1944.—Lyle Boyd, Box 163, Hedgesville, W. Va.

New Orleans (WW II)—Seeking Navy pharmacist mate John Richard Dainty.—Milred C. (Mimi) Forbes, c/o Harrington, 527 E. St., Clearwater, Fla. 33516.

508th Parachute Inf. Rgt. (Kronberg, Germany, 1945-46)—Seeking soldier who befriended my mother, Gertrud Engel-Stallmann.—Monika Rosenkranz, Eckenheimer Schulstr. 2, D-6 Frankfurt, West Germany.

Survivors of the Crash of the Flying Dutchman (New Guinea, Nov. 15, 1942)—Seeking anyone who remembers Pvt. Piedad Padilla, Las Vegas, N.M.—Del Gurule, 1060 Lipan St., Denver, Colo. 80204.

U.S. Strategic Air Force Patch—Want to obtain.—K.S. Eiland, P.O. Box 7103, Jacksonville, Fla. 32238.

B-17 Flying Fortress, Lane Tech of Chicago (WW II)—Seeking serial number.—Ted Szalinski, 2501 W. Addison St., Chicago, Ill. 60618.

5th Replacement Depot (Oro Bay, New Guinea, June 1944-Feb. 1945)—Seeking exact location of unit.—James McNicol, 410 Bentley St., Newell, W. Va. 26050.

41st Bomb. Grp., 396th Bomb. Sqdn. (Feb. 18, 1944)—Seeking information on unit and death of Sgt. Floyd J. Cota.—Frank Hanley, Watkins Rd., RD 1, Milton, Vt. 05468.

WW II Service Star Flag—Seeking to obtain.—William Gorski, Sr., Rt. 1 Box 24, Tony Voss, 54563.

Wooden Nickles—Seek to obtain.—Seymour A. Maas, 530 W. Pierce St., Lake Alfred, Fla. 33850.

93rd Inf. Div. & 387th Inf. Rgt. Unit Histories—Seek to obtain.—Jack Corbett, 118 N. Colusa St., Willows, Calif. 95988.

LeHavre, France (1945)—Have ten franc note signed by PFC Katherine Clark; will return with proper I.D.—John R. Corbett, POB 2853, Stuart, Fla. 33495.

45th Engr. Bn. (ETO, WW II)—Found musette bag, holster, insignia, etc. belonging to James G. Dickerson; wish to return to owner.—Dean D. Fish, 3010 Monroe St. N.E., Albuquerque, N.M. 87110.

USS Essex (CV9) (WW II)—Seek to obtain copy of book about ship offered to crew in 1945.—Victor V. Wagonman, 836 Arlington St., York, Pa. 17403.

G.I. Jill Broadcasts (Pacific, WW II)—Seeking to obtain.—Rod Dellinger, VFW Post 9337, POB 1403, Gastonia, N.C. 28052.

OS2U Kingfisher Sqdn. (Bora Bora, WW II)—Need aircraft markings.—D.G. Voss, 66 Ocean View Ave., #12, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93103.

1st Inf. Div., 16th Inf. (Rangers)—Seeking service-related memorabilia for museum.—Capt. Shaver, 4th Bn., 16th Inf., APO N.Y. 09137.

45th Div.—Seeking patch.—Edward Eaton, Veterans Home and Hospital, Rocky Hill, Conn. 06067.

Monument—Seeking M-3 anti-tank cannon, 57mm anti-tank or 75mm pack cannon or other suitable weapon to be used as monument.—Richard A. Raday, 9426 Bauerlein Dr., Houston, Texas 77086.

Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Assn.—USMCCA Administration Office, POB 3212, San Clemente, Calif. 92672.

Marine 3rd CAG (Vietnam, 1967-68)—Seeking anyone with info about 1968 Tet Offensive and CAG Unit Hotel or surrounding CAG units between Da Nang and Hue.—Jim DeGuid, 89 Spring Valley Rd., Watsonville, Calif. 95076.

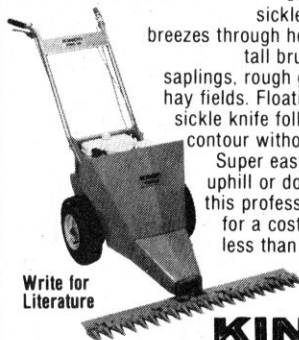
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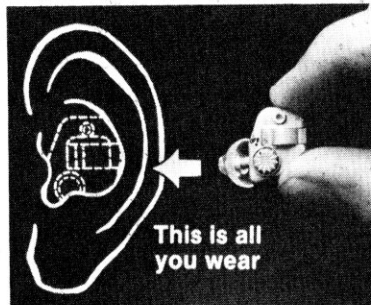
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June

7th Photo Grp. (England, 1943-45)—14-17, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Claude Murray, 1933 E. Marshall, Phoenix, Ariz. 85016.
91st Sqdn., 439th Troop Carrier Grp.—22-24, Ft. Worth, Texas—Milton Dank, 1022 Serpentine Lane, Wyncote, Pa. 19095.

July

20th Combat Mapping Sqdn. (Southwest Pacific, WW II)—19-22, Dayton, Ohio—David W. Ecoff, Sr., 13850 Tulane, Brookfield, Wis. 53005.

August

10th Air Depot Assn.—10-12, Marion, Ohio—William V. Bowman, 5257 Lamme Rd., Dayton, Ohio 45439.
451st Bomb. Grp.—10-12, Dayton, Ohio—Robert Karsten-sen, 1032 S. State St., Marengo, Ill. 60152.

September

68th Air Svc. Grp. (China, WW II)—11, St. Ignace, Mich.—Bob Pierce, POB 15061, Lakewood, Colo. 80215.
833rd Avn. Engr. Bn.—1-2, St. Joseph, Ill.—Loren Paris, Box 21, Newton, Ind. 47969.

October

409th Bomb. Grp. (ETO)—4-7, Dayton, Ohio—Eugene B. Nelson, Rt. 1 Box 129-A, Alpine, Ala. 35014.

ALL BRANCHES

September

3SS Manasses Gunner Crew (July 22, 1944-June 13, 1945)—1-2, Chicago, Ill.—Richard H. Pugh, RR 1 Box 15, Ft. Branch, Ind. 47648.

ARMY

February

10th Mtn. Div., Southeast Chap.—24-25, Crystal River, Fla.—Virgil Raulerson, 2376 Welcome Lane, Jacksonville, Fla. 32216.

April

85th QM Depot Supply Co. (WW II)—26-29, Kokomo, Ind.—Thomas A. Stewart, POB 237, Galveston, Ind. 46932.
116th AAA Bn., Btry. B—28-29—Michael Kruglinski, 141 E. Sheffield Ave., Englewood, N.J. 07631.

May

16th AD—4-6, Napoleon, Ohio—Lester Bennett, 8-329 P-3 R-5, Napoleon, Ohio 43545.
17th Engr. Bn., Co. A—17-19, Cincinnati, Ohio—Willard Curtis, 110 S. Revena, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48103.
40th Inf. Div., HQ Co. (WW II)—18-20, Springfield, Ohio—William P. Hughes, 4363 5th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, Fla. 33711.
53rd Inf. Assn.—4-5, Portland, Ore.—Cebert S. Bryan, 6436 S.E. 21st Ave., Portland, Ore.
116th Inf. Rgt., D Co.—25-28, Salem, Va.—George Kobe, 27701 Murrieta Rd., Space 127, Sun City, Calif. 92381.
124th Inf. Rgt., Co. C—11-12, Clarksville, Ind.—Bill Leep, 322 Dieterlen Rd., Henryville, Ind. 47126.
479th Amph. Trk. Co. (Dukw)—20-July 2, Sneads Ferry, N.C.—Ralph Stout, Rt. 1 Box 5, Sneads Ferry, N.C. 28460.
493rd Engr. Heavy Shop Co.—1-7, Joinerville, Texas—Albert Fox, 2821 Pine Rd., Bremerton, Wash. 98310.
557th AAA Bn. Assn.—18-19, Harrisburg, Pa.—Louis Edell, 2904 Oakcrest Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21234.
705th TD Bn.—16-20, Indiantic, Fla.—Paul A. Yoemans, 10450 Six Mile Rd., Box 107, Battle Creek, Mich. 49017.
AEF Siberia (1918-1920)—27-28, Yountville, Calif.—Joseph P. Ahearn, POB 518, Calif. Veterans Home, Yountville, Calif. 94599.

June

17th Inf. Rgt., Co. E—7-9, LaCrosse, Wis.—Bob Prueher, 1819 Clover Lane, Janesville, Wis. 53545.
127th FA Bn, Btry C (F)—3, Paola, Kans.—Ralph E. Diehm, 148 Parker, Oswatimie, Kans. 66064.
191st FA, Btry. A (WW II)—2, Winchester, Tenn.—W.F. Williams, POB 215, Cowan, Tenn. 37318.
—543rd E.B. & S.R. Co. (WW II)—15-17, Hyannis, Mass.—Jim Walsh, Box 321, East Otis, Mass. 01029.
717th Tank Bn. (WW II)—14-17, Norfolk, Va.—Ernest W. Smith, 111 Clifton Dr., Athens, Ga. 30606.

July

42nd Div.—11, Windsor, Ontario—Leon A. Schenck, 2726 Glenview, Royal Oak, Mich. 48073.

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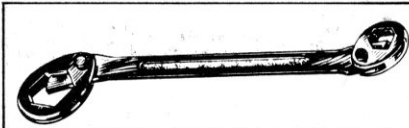
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749th ROB—26-28, Las Vegas, Nev.—Donald L. Gothard, 4173 Dixie Ct., Columbus, Ohio 43228.
763rd Tank Bn.—19-21—Don Page, 523 N. West St., Xenia, Ohio 45385.

August

5th Armd. Div. Assn.—9-11, Bangor, Me.—Claire Watrous, 8549 Lowell St., St. Louis, Mo. 63147.
24th Inf. Div. Assn.—16-18, Cincinnati, Ohio—Lee B. List, 115 Ronald Rd., East Peoria, Ill. 61611.
56th FA Bn.—14-16, Columbia, S.C.—Jack Martin, RFD 1 Box 339-B, Contoocook, N.H. 03229.
80th Div. Veterans Assn. (WWI & WW II)—1-4, Philadelphia, Pa.—Thomas F. Clark, 3992 Alberta Pl., Philadelphia, Pa.
160th FA Bn., Btry. F & 171st FA Bn., Btry. C—23-26, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Arthur A. Masten, 10 N.W. 9th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73102.

September

226th AAA Searchlight Bn.—20-22, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Glenn A. Davis, 9820 Redd Rambler Dr., Philadelphia, Pa. 19115.

October

382nd AAA AW Bn.—12-14, Marinette, Wis.—Tom J. Carey, 7205 W. 110th Pl., Worth, Ill. 60482.

MARINES

February

2nd CAG, 7th Co., Cap. 1 (March 1970-March 1971)—25-March 3, Haines City, Fla.—Russ Cotton, 141 S. 6th St., St. Anne, Ill. 60964.

NAVY

March

USS Henley (DD553)(WW II)—16-18, Atlanta, Ga.—William Niernan, 635 Lake Rd., Covington, Ga. 30209.

May

USS Abercrombie (DE343)—3-5, Charleston, S.C.—A.P. Presnell, Jr., 2040 Coker Ave., Charleston, S.C. 29412.
USS Biloxi (CL80)—3-5, Virginia Beach, Va.—Hugh Eubank, 1333 Conrad Lane, Virginia Beach, Va. 23454.
USS Rainier (AE5)—24-26, Mobile, Ala.—H.H. Manning, 2209 Manning Dr., Fultondale, Ala. 35068.
USS Tuscaloosa (CA37) & USS Wichita (CA45)—3-6, San Diego, Calif.—Anthony P. Rangus, 837 Elm Ave., Chula Vista, Calif. 92011.

June

GROPAC 2, ACORN 20, Kwajalein Communication Gang (WW II)—22-24, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho—A.D. Laws, Box 354, Smelterville, Idaho 83868.
USS Achernar (AKA53)—4-8, State College, Pa.—Carol Preston, 1491 Longbrook Dr., Cullman, Ala. 35055.
USS Idaho (BB42) Assn.—13-17, San Diego, Calif.—USS Idaho Assn., POB 11247, San Diego, Calif. 92111.
USS LSM 147 (WW II)—Pittsburgh, Pa.—T.N. Taylor, 416 E. Lincolnway, Lisbon, Ohio 44432.
USS Pensacola (CA24)—21-24, Ft. Worth, Texas—Lloyd Bransom, 1028 N. Sylvania Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas 76111.

July

Underwater Demolition Teams/Seals—20-22, Norfolk, Va.—Fraternal Order of UDT/SEAL, POB 5365, Virginia Beach, Va. 23455.
USS Izard (DD589)—4, Georgetown, Ohio—Elmer Tate South, 601 S. Main, Georgetown, Ohio 45121.

August

Navy Seabee Veterans of America—2-5, Tucson, Ariz.—James B. Welch, 2101 Hancock Vista, Tucson, Ariz. 85713.
PT. Boats, Inc.—23-27, Houston, Texas—PT. Boats, Inc., POB 109, Memphis, Tenn. 38101.
USS ABD 4 (WW II)—16-18, Saulte Ste. Marie, Mich.—Joseph Sikora, 5081 S. Center Rd., Grand Blanc, Mich. 48439.
USS Cotten (DD669)—12, Philadelphia, Pa.—Walter Shollmier, 1828 Parnassus, Memphis, Tenn. 38108.
USS Ranger (CV4)—10-12, Pensacola, Fla.—George Pyle, 8629 Oakleigh Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21234.

September

Salvage Divers (Pier 88, N.Y.)—6-8, Gatlinburg, Tenn.—Leo Ely, Rt. 2, 129 Long Branch, Gatlinburg, Tenn. 37738.
USS Alcor—7-9, Middletown, N.Y.—Joe Carrozza, 4 Ste. Eve Ct., Middletown, N.Y. 10940.
USS Argonne—6-9, Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, Fla.—J.P. Tanguay, 6403 Ft. Pierce Blvd., Ft. Pierce, Fla. 33451.
USS Dobbin (AD3), USS Dewey, USS Hull, USS McDonough, USS Phelps & USS Worden (Dec. 7, 1941)—7-9, Portland, Ore.—Clarence Rudd, 506 N.E. Franklin, Bend, Ore. 97701.
USS Dunlap (DD384)—7-9, Minneapolis, Minn.—Bob Wallick, POB 152, Grand Marais, Minn. 55604.
USS Langley (CV1/AV3), USS Pecos & USS Whipple—21-23, Omaha, Neb.—Earl Dixon, 1075 Space Park Way 275, Mt. View, Calif. 94053.
USS LST 694—9-10, Jeffersonville, Ind.—Robert Kirsch, RD 4 Box 117, Evans City, Pa. 16033.
USS Osterhaus (DE164)—15-16, Kansas City, Kans.—John H. Howey, 2920 Terrace, Kansas City, Kans. 66109.

October

USS Emmons (DD457/DMS22)—12-14, Wrightsville Beach, N.C.—Ed Reynolds, POB 165, Red Springs, N.C. 28377.

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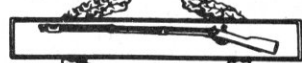
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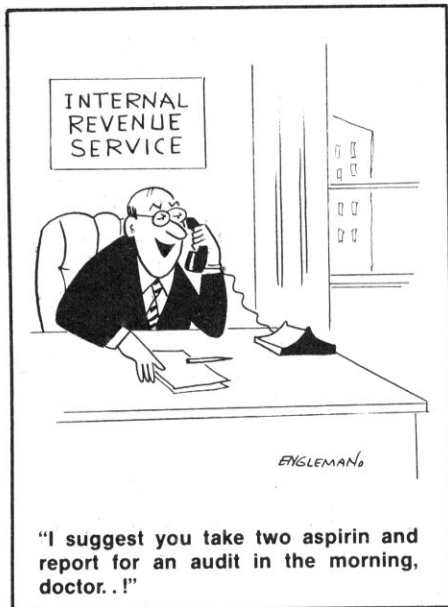
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At the Salute to Lee Iacocca benefit dinner, Iacocca had "warm words" for toastmaster Ernie Jones and George Steinbrenner, New York Yankees owner.

Winking at Mrs. Jones, Iacocca described Ernie as "the sex symbol of Michigan women who have reached the age where they don't care anymore."

About his close friend, Steinbrenner, he said, "George kept telling me what to do to get the company going. 'Change managers,' George said, 'change managers!'"

Charley Manos, Detroit News



Three's a Charm

After hugging singer Melissa Manchester following a concert, Pittsburgh Steeler turned ABC commentator Lynn Swann had to call for a time out. "There were only three times that my legs have felt that jellied," he said. "After my first concussion, my second concussion and my third concussion."

Quote

Truss Him!

So many sports events are being shown on television, Howard Cosell called up the Mayo Clinic and said, "Doc, can a tongue get a hernia?"

Bob Orben

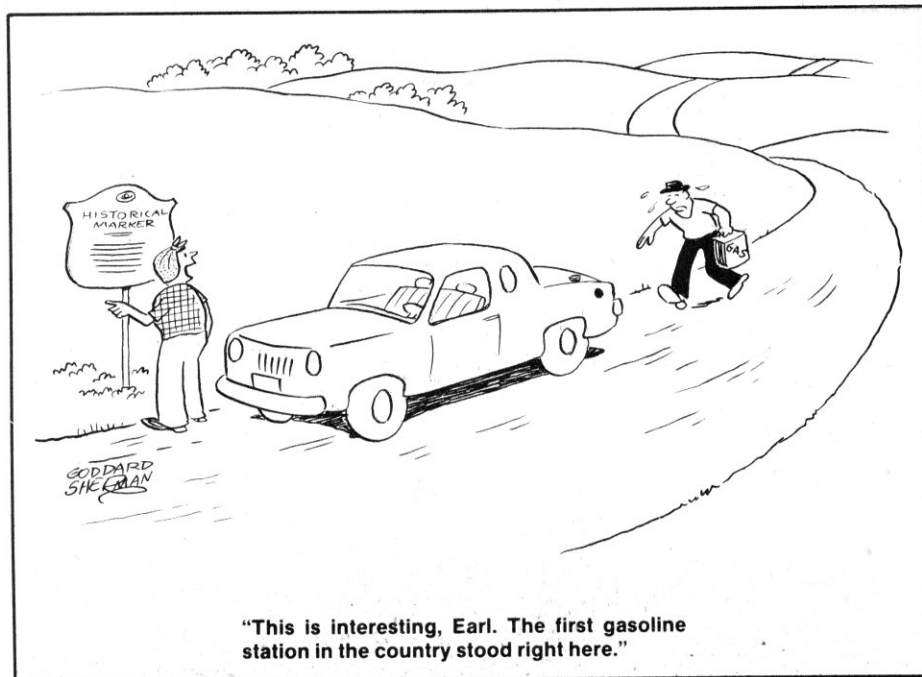


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Quote



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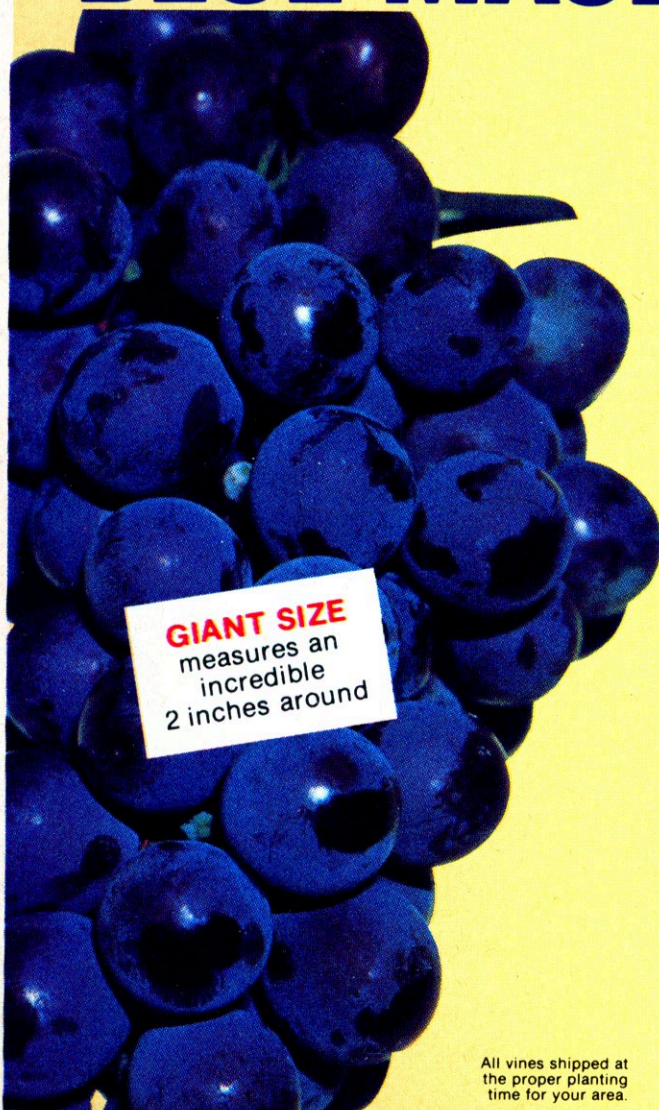
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